## #39 "I'm Not Hurting You..."

There's a phrase I hear all the time

That happens to be my wife's favorite line.

She uses it when I make known of something I disapprove.

I state it... she debates it. It's always the same unhealthy groove.

This specific topic has to do with *her* health Which is an important determining factor of her wealth Towards our marriage, our family, to God and our life. I long for a happy, loving and healthy wife.

She smokes cigarettes and she knows it's not right But she can't see why it might cause a small fight. The phrase I hear is "I'm not hurting you!"

She doesn't understand how it hurts you know who.

I'll tell you exactly how it hurts me and why
Because it's sin and may easily cause her to die.
God commands us to glorify Him in our body and spirit.
His word says that if we defile it, He'll destroy it! I wish she would
Hear It!

1 Cor. 6:19-20

Of course that won't stop her from entering Heaven. She'll just make it there sooner, because it's leaven! Sin is the reason that we suffer and die But it will hurt me deeply if her smoking becomes the reason I'll cry!

Now I'll get to the point I originally intended;
It's that when we got married...it's me she befriended

And we two became one...in spirit and in flesh

To nourish and cherish each other with reverence, this way

We will mesh

Eph. 5:29, 31

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Into a Holy and pure <u>relationship</u> that will bring glory to God Whose sacrifices <u>to each other</u> would smell like sweet incense, not Fishy Like cod.

One where we gain strength from our partner in love. And most certainly that strength comes from our Father above.

It takes **courage** and **faith to** <u>overcome</u> our shortfalls and fears, But when we have trust in Jesus, we'll make it through our tears. <u>We know it hurts</u> when we decide to pick up our cross and die, <u>But we choose</u> to do it anyway out of love for our mate and God, That's why!!!

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