

SOLOS AND DIVORCES AND BREAKING UP FAMILIES

Comments of Wilson Wallace about his father, Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

He often took his own song leader, such men as Austin Taylor, Tillit S. Teddlie, Basil Doran and Marion Davis. **He sometimes had them sing a solo to emphasize some point in his sermon.....**

My father never believed that it was the work of preachers to divide established families. He was a man of the Bible, and he never tried to manipulate the word of God. He just believed that there were some situations that had to be left to God in the Judgment. He could strongly urge a young lady, recently divorced and the daughter of a dear friend, to remain single and to forge out a career in the business world. **He would not refuse to baptize those who had been involved in divorces, nor would he consent to breaking up families.** He wrote in his later years in "The Sermon on the Mount and the Civil State" that "**the course of some preachers in demanding separations and the breaking up of family relations, and the refusal even to baptize certain ones whose marriage status does not measure up to his standard of approval, is a presumptuous procedure.** It reveals the tendency to displace God as the Judge of us all, and a preacher ascends to the bench. More than teaching the moral principles involved, the preacher has no course of action revealed, and to establish one would result in human legislation, more far reaching in evil consequences than the moral effects of divorce limited to the persons involved." (Emp. Mine, w.d.) (COMMENTARY ON ROMANS, GALATIANS, AND EPHESIANS, Foreword, pp.10-12).