

**Carole Chapman**

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 29, 2004 6:25 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: brother in law here; personal & confidential

here is a new one for you. please fwd to linda.----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton  
**To:** richard bethune  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 29, 2004 7:00 AM  
**Subject:** Re: brother in law here; personal & confidential

There are exceptions to death do us part. That's when either party breaks that part of the vow that says "Forsaking ALL others." Call Larry and Gayla yourselves, they will tell you that Linda is deep into "Spiritual Adultery". If you don't know what that is, ask them and they will tell you. Linda herself read part of the book, "Why Christians Commit Adultery" and said that she could see herself in it. I know you won't believe it but last Friday night even admitted that she couldn't quit talking to this man for hours at a time, and said I am afraid I am addicted to this man. Cher, it didn't seem like you were supporting till death do us part the other day when I only talked to you long enough for you to tell me that you had told Linda she needs to get out of this marriage.

Dick let me give you an example of what I'm talking about. I'm not wanting anyone to do anything about this, as the marriage is over. But the truth is the truth. As you know we went all the way to Wichita to see your counselor friends. When we got there they picked up Linda and left me at the airport so they could talk to her alone. They talked to her for an hour by herself. Gayla actually talked longer to her as Larry had to come back to the airport to pick me up. Linda also had written several pages of her version of the story with her continued involvement with this man against my objections and against the objections of our pastor and board chairman.

After 8 hours of counseling, Larry and Gayla made it clear that Linda must stop all connection with this man if she wanted our marriage to work. They told me that I should get out of her face and quit trying to convince her she was wrong because at this point no amount of talk would help. The people in spiritual adultery are the last ones to admit it. Linda took that counsel as to say me or the board could not demand that she stop her relationship with this man. This is not the counsel they gave her. Yes, they said we could not demand she stop, but of course if she wanted to keep her marriage and job, she would have to stop of her own free will. In other words, she had to make a choice. When we got on the airplane to come home I said Linda I'm willing to give this relationship two more weeks before I allow the board chairman to take this situation to the rest of the board If you'll promise no more contact with this man. And to my surprise after 8 hours of counseling where they told her that this relationship would have to stop, she said, "Dan, you don't get it. Larry and Gayla said you and the board can't force me not to talk to this man". I said "Linda they told you in no uncertain terms that you had violated our marriage vows as you were letting another man "husband" you and as you said on the TV program to the world that he had BECOME YOU BURDEN BEARER. They told you this was sin, but yes said no one could make you stop." I again said I want you to promise me that you will not talk to this man for the next two weeks. Again she said "no". I finally told her that the only reason I went to Wichita is that she said she would take the advice of neutral counselors. To shorten the story she eventually agreed to stop talking to this man for two weeks and then make a decision which was the most important to her,,,,,,her husband and 3ABN or this man.

The next morning Friday, the 16 of April as we were getting out of bed she said, "Dan, the Lord must be doing a work in me because he impressed me I should listen to these counselors even if I don't understand everything they said. So I will not talk to this man for the next two weeks as per our agreement. Now short and sweet as they say. Because of phone records that I was able to get through Verizon wireless.com I found out that when she went shopping that afternoon she and her boyfriend talked nearly two hours!

The next morning she was supposed to go to the East Coast and do an afternoon church service with me, but

she said she was tired and wanted to stay home. I told her that when this man saw me on television without her he would call. She responded by saying, "Honey I promise you if this man calls me today I will immediately hang up on him and tell you about it as soon as you walk in the door. When I got home late that night instead of greeting at the door and telling me that he had called again and they had talked for 2 hours again, she got mad when I questioned her and said she could not believe that I didn't trust her and left for Alyssa's. I didn't want her traveling that late at night so I tried to reach her by cell phone to tell her to come back home, so I called Alyssa and asked her to call her for me and ask her to come back home tonight and go to her house tomorrow instead of traveling late at night by herself. Alyssa, called me back and said her mother would not stay in the same house with me, as I had accused her of talking to this man. I told her to tell her mom that I would sleep in the Suburban if she would come back home. She did that night but left again to Alyssa's the next evening. Tuesday about noon Linda called me and said she had been acting like an idiot and the Lord had told her she had been focusing on my attitude instead of her own, and said she wanted to start all over and forget the past and would I forgive her. I immediately said yes but I said if your really coming clean then I want to know did you indeed talk to this man Sabbath even though you promised not to and I let her know that I would have the phone records by monday anyway so she might as well come clean.

She told me that indeed the man had called her just as I had said that he would but instead of hanging up when she answered and telling me she had indeed talked probably an hour to two hours. But didn't want to tell me as she knew I would be mad. I then asked her had she talked to him since she was at Alyssa's and again she said yes that they had just hung up from a fairly long conversation. She asked me would I forgive her anyway and I said yes. I told her as long is she is honest with me I would help her through this but I would not continue to live with all these lies.

That was Tuesday. Friday night I aske her to read a book called "Why Some Christians Commit Adultery". She agreed and read the chapters on spiritual adultery. She and her friend are a classic case, but I wanted her to see it for herself. After reading for about a hour she told me that couldn't believe how much that described she and the doctors relationship and how Satan had dooped her and she wanted this relationship to stop but couldn't do anything about it. She said this man was exactly like a man doll she has that when she pulls the string it says everything she wants to hear. Even if they talk for hours she said that every word he says is "perfect".

I asked her why she was lying the whole time when she promised not to talk to this man for two weeks, yet continued to talk hours to him all along. She said she didn't really see it as a lie as she and her doctor friend had no intentions of ever stopping their relationship as he was 60 years old and she was 46 years old and they weren't going to let anyone put sanctions on their relationship, so they didn't look at it as lying when she denied they had talked to him, because if she admitted it they both knew I would be mad, so they both decided the best thing to do was just pasify me.

I won't go into all the rest as you know much of it yourself. She told me she wanted to email you all and make it right and email the doctor to prove she didn't want him anymore. I told her don't do that anymore as she had me word an email to him several weeks ago, then went immediately to use Alyssa's computer disavowing any connection to that email. I told her that yes, it is imperative that this relationship stop but if she wasn't ready to really write you all and mean it from the heart I wanted her to wait awhile as I wanted the marriage to work. As you know she did email you all, But later contacted everyone to let them know I forced her to do this. Linda is not going to look bad to anyone. She simply is playing both sides of the fence. And yes, I have proof she is still in contact with the doctor.

I've had enough. I'm the real idiot not her. I should have let her go weeks ago.

She told our pastor that she looks at her "friend" as a piece of chocolate cake that she can't have, but for the sake of ministry, she'll leave it alone. No one can do that on their own. I told her the only way to get victory over sin is to pray that God would let us see sin as he does. Instead of her looking at this situation as a piece of chocolate cake that she can't have, she should see it as a pile of dung that she doesn't want anything to do with. She won't allow herself to do this.

Today she is meeting with our board chairman at 1:00 pm. Barring a miracle she will probably be placed on a leave of absences for a period of time to get her act together. 3ABN cannot have someone in her position making the bad decisions she's been making all along and continues to make. Yes, I've foiled two attempts they have made to have secret vacations together without my knowledge and my guess is they'll continue till they succeed in being together as I'm no longer going to be in their way. They are free to do as they want. Of course she will suffer the consequences of our marriage and her work at 3ABN, but as Larry told me, I should love her enough to let her go." Now, I'm going to do that.

So far I'm the only thing standing in their way. No one else loves her enough to tell her the truth that she is wrong and is destroying the very ministry that God created her to do. No, I haven't supported her in any of this, and Yes, there are times that I "yell" at her, but it's only because she is not listening and I know someday soon she'll want to come back and ask me why I didn't do more to stop this relationship. Well, I will honestly be able

to say, "I did everything I knew how to do to help you, but you wouldn't listen.

You guys and her friends from Europe have let her down by encouraging her in this relationship that is mired in sin. If you don't believe it call Gayla as Linda just talked to her a couple of days ago. She suggested that possibly Linda has a hormone imbalance and should get a physical and some blood work. Linda told her that she thought I was crazy so Gayla suggested that we both have blood work done. We were both scheduled to have the work done yesterday. I had mine completed, Linda never showed up for hers. The only way that I would reconsider our present situation is that if I find out she has a hormone problem instead of a spiritual problem. Dr. Thompson does not yet believe this is a physical problem, but if she'll get her blood work done then maybe we'll know.

I don't blame you guys for supporting her and believing everything she says. My family, believes me.

But there are times when family should be able to show tough love. The bible says, "It's better to receive the WOUNDS of your friends, than the kisses of your enemies".

I love both you guys and am really sorry this has happened. Yes, I know there are many things about our marriage I could have changed and been better at, but Linda, as Larry and Gayla have both made absolutely clear, had no right to take all her burdens and all our problems to another man. Am I accusing her of this or has she admitted this? Gayla point blank asked her if she had done this and Linda said, "Well not at first, but as time has gone on we talk about all these things, yes". Gayla told her this was a violation of the marriage vows.

Adultery according to the bible definition, begins IN THE HEART. When one spouse turns away from the other spouse, either physically or emotionally, granting another person only that which belongs to each other. Neither person has the right to have physical sex with another person, no matter what, and neither spouse has the right to give their heart and mind emotionally to another person to let them be their burden bearers.

You guys were so close to the forest to see the trees on this one and I understand.

I still love you guys

May God Bless you always,

Danny

----- Original Message -----

**From:** richard bethune

**To:** Danny Shelton

**Sent:** Thursday, April 29, 2004 1:05 AM

**Subject:** Re: brother in law here; personal & confidential

sorry danny, remember your wedding vows. until death do us part.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Danny Shelton

**To:** richard bethune

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2004 4:12 PM

**Subject:** Re: brother in law here; personal & confidential

Cher,

Please advise Linda that it is time to leave me and start a new life for herself. Anytime that our relationship would degrade to the point that she would listen to such foolish advice as hiding my gun, the relationship is over. In 22 years that I have known her I have never even gotten mad at her enough to shoot a paper wad at her, let alone a real gun. Besides you only had her hide one gun and I have two. I will not try to stop her from leaving and going to the doctor. At this point I would welcome it.

With the advice that she is getting from family she will never be able to put aside all the "junk advice that she has gotten from them. Her life's a mess now. Thanks to bad advice, she no longer has a chance, nor the wits to put it aside and save her marriage.

As you know, I've taken care of her for 20 years. She's going to need you more now than ever before. I do hope all that advice turns into more than just words. She needs you to be there loving her and caring for her needs and helping her financially if so necessary in the future.

Danny

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