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The Cure for Divorce: In the Kingdom of God,

by Michael S. Sayen. St. Paul, MN: Michael S. Sayen, 2015. 59 pp. \$7.00.
ISBN 9780692526387

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Self-published, this book contains some typographical errors (missing part of a reference, missing opening quotation marks) as well as a mistaken use of homonyms (thrown versus throne, “. . . he will always have someone sitting on the thrown” [p. 4]; and brake versus break [p. 48]). He references the North American Mission Board founding president Bob Roccord’s article as a “book” (p. 2), though in his un-alphabetized bibliography it is cited correctly.

Sayen uses biblical quotations in support of his reasoning. He makes an interesting point that Abraham’s wives represent the two covenants in Galatians 4:24, as “one covenant represents the promise through works; the other is the promise through faith” (p. 3). He quotes commentaries and articles in support of his ideas. It is clearly written and understandable.

Sayen covers the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants, God’s design to have man lead woman, Mosaic and Jewish divorce, as well as what the Gospels, Romans, and Corinthians say about divorce. He finishes with a brief “cure” for divorce. The remedy is to truly live under the Spirit with a new heart and be holy (p. 48). We should not divorce unless married to an unbeliever that is unwilling to stay with us (p. 48). We are also allowed to divorce if there is adultery (p. 49).

While undergraduates would love this book for its slenderness, there are better discussions of this matter elsewhere, such as H. Wayne House’s *Divorce and Remarriage: Four Christian Views* (1990). Sayen’s work is not recommended for purchase.

The Dadly Virtues: Adventures From The Worst Job You’ll Ever Love,

edited by Jonathan V. Last. West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Press, 2015. 180 pp.
\$20.85. ISBN 9781599474892

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The Dadly Virtues is not your typical how to volume on fatherhood. Jonathan V. Last has masterfully compiled a wide range of viewpoints on topics ranging from manhood and earliest days of a newborn to grand parenting and adult children