

**BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A  
BETTER MARRIAGE**

**HEBREWS 13:4**

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Hebrews 13:4

Marriage should be honored  
by all, and the marriage bed  
kept pure, for God will judge  
the adulterer and all the  
sexually immoral. (NIV)

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**BUILDING STRONGER FAMILIES GETTER  
TOUGHER ALL TIME**

**CHILDREN SPEND LESS THAN 30 MINUTES  
WEEK WITH MOTHER, 15 FATHER**

**HOUSEHOLDS UNMARRIED PEOPLE LIVING  
TOGETHER QUADRUPLED SINCE 1970**

**60% CHILDREN ONE PARENT HOUSEHOLD**

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**AVERAGE COST OF DIVORCE**  
**\$19,365.00**

**WOMEN AND CHILDREN SUFFER 73% DROP**  
**IN STANDARD LIVING**

**DEATH RATE DIVORCED MEN 35-60 130**  
**HIGHER THAN HAPPILY MARRIED**

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**IN AMERICA EVERY 24 HOURS**

**3,000 CHILDREN SEE PARENTS DIVORCED**

**1,629 CHILDREN ADULT JAIL**

**3,228 CHILDREN RUN AWAY**

**1,512 CHILDREN DROP OUT OF SCHOOL**

**NINE STEPS TO BETTER MARRIAGE**

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**MAKE COMMITMENT FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE,**  
**NOT FEELING**

**MATTHEW 19:3-9**

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

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**Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."**

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**1 OF 3 MARRIAGES END IN DIVORCE**

**1 OF 50 IF HAD CHURCH WEDDING**

**1 OF 105 COUPLE ATTENDS CHURCH**

**1 OF 1,155 ATTENDS CHURCH AND HAS FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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**LOVE YOUR SPOUSE**

**EPHESIANS 5:25**

**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her**

**TITUS 2:4**

**Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children,**

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**HUMBLE YOURSELF BEFORE YOUR SPOUSE**

**EPHESIANS 5:2**

**Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

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**SAY POSITIVE THINGS**

**PROVERBS 25:11**

**A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.**

**EPHESIANS 4:29**

**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.**

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**DO NOT HARBOR ANGER**

**EPHESIANS 4:26**

**"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,**

**STEVE TRAN AND ROACHES**

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**FORGIVE YOUR SPOUSE**

**MATTHEW 6:14-15**

**For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.**

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**CONSIDER WHAT GOD  
WANTS NOT YOU**

**NOT MY WILL BUT THINE**

**GOD MUST BE IN CHARGE**

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**PRAYER**

**EPHESIANS 6:18**

**And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.**

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**DO  
NOT  
GIVE  
UP**

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