



MARRIAGE MATTERS

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It Matters to Children

Which statement is true?

- Children are a great blessing to a marriage.
- Children put a great deal of pressure on a marriage.

Notes:

Colossians 3:18-21

Ephesians 6:1-4

Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Psalms 127

Observations:

1. Children are addressed and instructed within the context of a marriage and family structure in Scripture.

Notes:

Marriage matters to children because _____ matters to God.

Notes:

Luke 2:52

Four Deficiencies | Four Responsibilities

Mentally	Physically
Socially	Spiritually

2. Beyond the Scripture's instruction, there is a great and overwhelming crisis in culture regarding the value of children and child-rearing.

1. Marriage is a personal union, intended for the whole of life, of husband and wife.
2. Marriage is a profound human good, elevating and perfection our social and sexual nature.
3. Ordinarily, both men and women who marry are better off as a result.
4. Marriage protects and promotes the well-being of children.
5. Marriage sustains civil society and promotes the common good.
6. Marriage is a wealth-creating institution, increasing human and social capital.
7. When marriage weakens, the equality gap widens, as children suffer from the disadvantages of growing up in homes without committed mothers and fathers.
8. A functioning marriage culture serves to protect political liberty and foster limited government.

9. The laws that govern marriage matter significantly.
10. “Civil marriage” and “religious marriage” cannot be rigidly or completely divorced from one another.
—Witherspoon Institute
“Marriage and the Public Good”

“This understanding of marriage is not narrowly religious... a marriage culture cannot flourish in a society whose primary institutions—universities, courts, legislatures, religions—fall not only to defend marriage but actually undermine it both conceptually and in practice.” —Witherspoon Institute

**Marriage matters to children
because _____
shape the future.**

Notes:

**The _____ of Parenting Can Be
Simply Overwhelming**

Notes:

Children are born into trouble.

- A _____ Within Them

Notes:

“The world’s smallest battlefield is the child’s heart. And the conquering of it calls for all-out-hand-to-hand combat.”

- A _____ Outside Them

Romans 12:2

Notes:

2 Timothy 3:1-5

The _____ Focused on Parenting is Remarkably Simple

Ephesians 6:4

Notes:

“Rules without a relationship equals rebellion.”
—Josh McDowell

Notes:

Children need...

- **Decisive** _____

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

Notes:

“What happens at home is even more important than what happens here.”

Proverbs 1:7

Notes:

• **Deliberate** _____

Notes:

Proverbs 22:6

Notes:

Proverbs 22:15

Notes:

Proverbs 29:15

Notes:

• **Dedicated** _____

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