

Strong Marriages Build Strong Culture

God created marriage for the construction of society.

Marriage is the fundamental building block of every community, church, state, nation, society, and culture. If you know anything about history, you know that where marriages are strong, cultures and nations and empires are strong.

You know that wherever marriages and families are weak, cultures and nations are in decline. We know that the more marriages are devalued, the more a nation is in decline.

It's real obvious what direction our nation is headed right now. America is not getting better. It's not getting stronger. It's going the other direction. Why? Because we don't value marriage and family anymore. It's all about "me." We've got to do what's best for ourselves. We've made individualism an idol.

But God never intended it to be that way! When we place a high value on marriage, we build up a society and make it strong. We need each other, and we need strong marriages.

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34, MEV).

Talk It Over

- In what ways have you seen American culture or your own culture decline as marriage and family are devalued?
- Why do you think it seems easier to value self over others?
- How do strong marriages contribute to a stronger society as a whole? {eoa}

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