

Dear Friends,

Our research this week shows a clear trend: Religion improves relationships, stable relationships are more prone to result in marriage, and marriage improves long-term health. The combined power of religious practice and intact marriages surpass any social program our government could create!

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Marriage and Religious Faithfulness

The combination of religious practice and stable marital relationships contributes to a strong and successful next generation. Go to this [Marrimedia entry](#) to learn more.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Role of Religion in Relationships

[According](#) to Brad Wilcox of the University of Virginia and Nicholas H. Wolfinger of the University of Utah, men who go to church are more likely to have very happy romantic relationships. Learn more about the effects of religious practice on marriage on [Marrimedia](#).



The Progression of Sexual Relationships

Sharon Sassler of Cornell University and her coauthors [show](#) that sexual relationships among young adults in the U.S. are frequently short-lived. Check out [Marrimedia](#) to find out how the family structure in which these young adults were raised affects these transitory relationships.



The Importance of Long-Term Marriages

Marriage—even its frustrating disagreements—strengthens men and women's long-term health, according to the study done by [Deborah Carr of Rutgers University](#). Make sure to dig deeper into the research on [Marrimedia.org](#)!

Sincerely,

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