

Dear Friends,

Intact married parents and frequent religious practice are key ingredients if adolescents are to reach their full potential. Their family life structures their future levels of personal functioning, in strength or in weakness.

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Effects of Religious Practice on Work Ethic

Religious practice helps establish habits of discipline in matters of work and initiative through various pathways within the experience of family, peers, church, and the extended community. [Read the entire entry on MARRIPEDIA...](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Religious Practice and Pornography

Religious attendance decreases the consumption of pornography, [according](#) to Kyler Rasmussen and Alex Bierman of the University of Calgary. [Visit MARRIPEDIA](#) to learn about the harmful effects of pornography.



Family Structure and Children's Education

Daniel Santín and Gabriela Sicilia from Madrid [found](#) that intact married parents most frequently show interest in their child's education outcomes, and thereby positively influence their child's effort in school. Read "[Effects of Family Structure on Children's Education](#)" to learn about the other benefits of marriage for children's education.



Parents' Media Use Strongly Influences Children's Media Use

Though two-thirds of parents fear social media is bad for their children --- but they use it extensively themselves, and in the process, mold their offspring to do likewise, [according](#) to Judith Ramsay of Manchester Metropolitan University.

With an eye to the future of society,

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