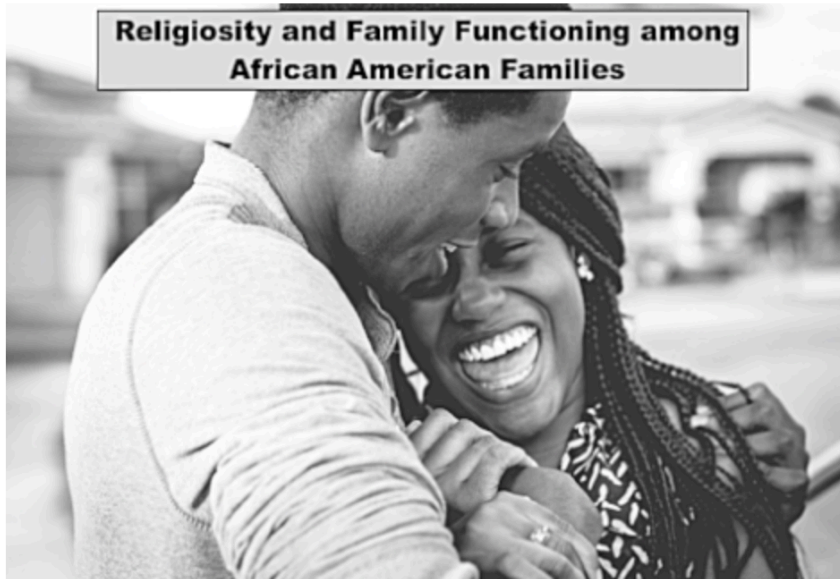


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FAITH & FAMILY

Religiosity and Family Functioning among African American Families



The Black Church and Understanding of Family

An in-depth qualitative [assessment](#) illustrates how the black church positively shapes men's understanding of marriage, mate selection, and behaviors in intimate relationships.

Religiosity and Marital Strength

A new study in the [Marriage and Family Review](#) reveals that prayer and faith strengthen marriage, parenting, and general life, for African American couples.

Religious Support and Low-Income Families

A new study from the [Journal of Black Psychology](#) shows that a relationship with God and church members improves family functioning for low-income African Americans.

Long-Term Protective Effects of Religion

Results from a five-year [assessment](#) indicate that religious involvement has long-term enhancing effects on relationship quality and stability.

BLOG: Three Short Periods That Shape an Individual's Journey Through Life.



Three phases are foundational to a sense of well-being throughout life: The child's early experience of his mother, the teenager's decision about sex and God, and the newly wedded couples agreement on suffering. The first and last involve the two most important persons in his life. The middle- the teenager's decision- is personal, private and alone, or alone before God. All three phases shape life way into the future by shaping the individual's capacity for the wellbeing of spouse, children, friends, family, and colleagues at work.

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