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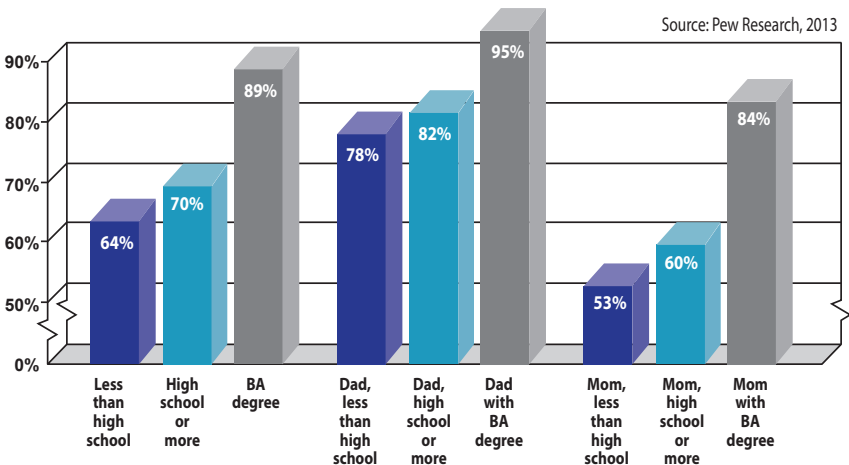
- Parents who are well educated tend to foster their adolescent’s good attitudes towards religious practice.
- The more education a father has, the more likely his children will be devout.
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- The more educated parents are the less likely their daughters are to cohabit, no matter what age they are.

When you consider the families you know, do these findings hold? What might influence these more highly educated parents to reconnect to God and bring the benefits of being close to Him to their children?

The chart below shows that children with better educated parents are more likely to have married parents. Receiving an education and getting/ remaining married are two important gifts that parents can give their children.

Likelihood that Children’s Parents will be Married By Parent’s Education Level

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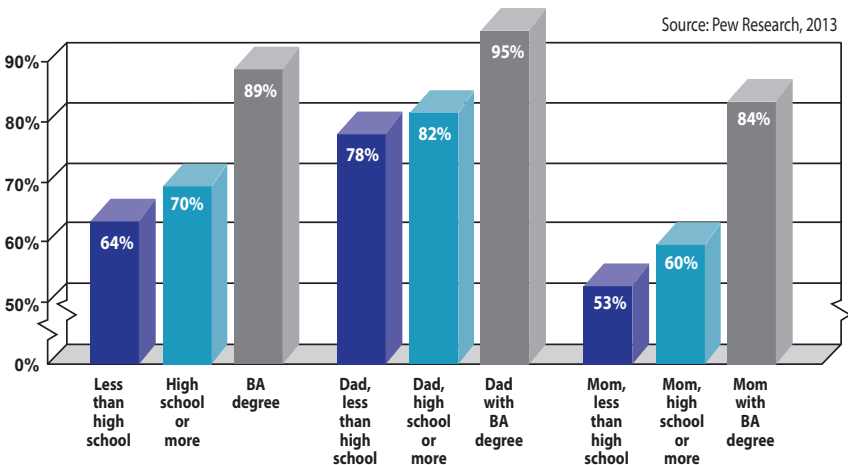
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