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Christian Homes And Successful Marriages

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We are now living in a nation of fellow Americans. More than 36M of 58M dwelling units owned or buying. Average size of American family is 3.7. Was 3.5 '50. Average family income $14,110. '62. Prosperous nation!


Reason for this Series? Bring knowledge and happiness to as many individuals as long as I live.

Major Premise: Christian Marriages produce Happy and successful Homes & individuals.

Marriage is a Divine Institution, not cultural Mores.
B. God performed the first wedding ceremony. 21-24. License, ceremony, building etc. civil law, custom.

"Marriage is not a union merely between two creatures—it is a union between two spirits; and the intention of that bond is to perfect the nature of both. They supplement each other's deficiencies with excellencies which they lack; to the one: strength of character and firmness of moral will. To the other: sympathy, meekness, and tenderness. There is no earthly relationship with so much power to ennoble and to exalt."

Dict. of Thoughts. P. 391.

D. Ben Tillett: "God help the man who won't marry until he finds a perfect woman; and Heaven help him the more — if he finds her!" Dict. P. 390.

Marriage is a Supreme Human Relationship.
A. God said Get away from both sets of parents and create a new & independent domestic government.
B. Parents MAY give advice when it is ASKED for by their married children. Otherwise out of place.
C. Only one relationship surpasses this one.

Ill. Golden Triangle Area had more mental ills than other places, more family interference.

Advice: "Don't marry the Devil's grand-daughter, because you are sure to have trouble with grandpa!" Family interference.
D. Marriage relationship is even stronger than parental relationship to child. "No man"


VS. 6 III. MARRIAGE MAKES TWO INTO ONE. "One flesh, mind, soul!"
A. Selfish pronouns "I" and "MY" must go!
   Ill. "Give me our hat so I can go to work."
B. Christian responsibility reinforces marital.
   1. Philippians 2:3-5. "Do it for Christ!!!"

VS. 6 IV. MARRIAGE IS A LIFE-TIME CONTRACT. Not 99 yr. lease
A. A grossly abused truth because this generation is not reading its Bible. II Tim. 2:15.
B. Ill. "I think she's mentally ill. Can't I get another? Remember: Better, worse, illness, he
C. Couples getting married should set their minds to: "Till DEATH do us part."
D. Easier and safer if enjoy a long long courtship before marriage and longer courtship afterward

INV: God is vitally interested in our marriages because:
1. GETS most successful servants from happily
   married Christian men and women.
2. If Home suffers, Church work suffers.
3. God designed Marriage for man's happiness on earth: Completed life. If not, cheated!

GOSPEL INVITATION EXTENDED TO ALL WHO ARE
LOST IN SIN, WITHOUT HOPE! MK. 1:14-15. 16.

LOST IN NEGLECT, WITHOUT PEACE OF MIND!

NEW COMERS LOOKING FOR A CHURCH HOME!
The Christian religion, by confining marriage to pairs, and rendering the relation indissoluble, has by these two things done more toward the peace, happiness, settlement and civilization of the world, than by any other part in this world scheme of divine wisdom. (Enc. of Rel. Quot.)

Mead
P. 296.

"Marriages are made in heaven, but the main maintenance work is left to man on earth."
JAMES A. GARFIELD, 20th President.

"The sanctity of marriage and the family relation make the corner-stone of our American society and civilization.

Donald T. Kauffman......

A good marriage is not a contract between two persons but 3. Too often Christ is omitted from the ceremony and finds no place in the home. Why? Is it because we have misrepresented Him, and forgotten His joyous outlook on life?" P. 297.