

2020 Statistics Family Struggles

- CDC survey in June of 2020 | 5000+ interviewed
 - 31% reported struggling with anxiety/depression
 - 26% had trauma or stressor-related disorder
 - 13% started or increased substance abuse
 - 11% contemplated suicide

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Marriage Struggles

- State with highest divorce is Nevada
- Divorce rate is declining
- A person with a close friend who is divorced is 147% more likely to divorce
- Religion is a divorce factor - 14% less risk
- If married at least 7 months before 1st baby, you have 24% decreased risk of divorce
- 60% of couples married 20-25 will end in divorce
- Average cost of divorce is \$15,000

Source: gillespieshield.com

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You must love
God before your
spouse.

-You need to love God above all and with everything you have so that you can love your spouse when they don't deserve it or worse, you want to hate them.

-The only love triangle allowed is with Christ in the middle. As each spouse draws closer, the triangle gets smaller.

-Only God can give you His love for people so that you can love them unconditionally.

Matthew 22:37-40



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Marriage Requires investment and maintenance.

-If buying a house or a car requires time and effort, how much more choosing your ideal partner. Picking is your initial investment.

-But marriage also requires maintenance. No matter how long you have been married, you need to maintain the love, harmony, and purity.

-You must develop joint disciplines like praying together, investing emotionally and spiritually in each other.

1 Corinthians 7:26-28



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Keep the
Marriage Bed
pure.

-We are in the middle of a crisis. Sexual immorality is at an all time high.

-The sins of the world are found also among believers. Sins is at everyone of our doorsteps. The dogs are looking for you.

-There is a way out. You don't have to accept what the world throws your way. If you confess your sins, He is just and faithful to forgive you and to cleans you.

Hebrews 13:4



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