



3. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage serves as the foundation for all dimensions of human life. Everything of value rests on it, including procreation and the care and training of children. If that ground floor is weakened or undermined, the entire superstructure of civil society will come crashing down.

And yet our American culture has sought to deconstruct families and marriages through the media, through the sexual revolution, and even through law and policy. Consider these examples:

1. In 1969, Congress foolishly created the Marriage Penalty Tax, requiring husbands and wives to pay higher taxes than cohabitating couples.
2. Or consider the media. Marriage and monogamy are mocked in music, television shows, and movies. Those who hold to any semblance of sexual ethics are ridiculed or dismissed as "old fashioned" and "prudish." Not only are the liberal media outlets bashing biblical masculinity and femininity, now the Hallmark channel is promoting movies that celebrate same-sex weddings.
3. Others are not just content to disincentivize or ridicule marriage and family—they aim to destroy it. In 2012, Marsha Gessen, a lesbian journalist, activist and author, stated during an interview with ABC Radio, "[I]t's a no-brainer that the institution of marriage should not exist . . ." These anti-marriage activists are so opposed to God's plan for marriage that they will not stop until it is utterly destroyed.

Are you paying attention? We owe the history of our nation to the institution of the family, and America's future still depends on it. Unless you act now, your children and grandchildren will grow up in a country that embraces everything contrary to God's design for marriage and family.

Here are links to some related resources. I pray you will evaluate this information carefully and prayerfully, and then go to the polls and let your voices be heard. God help us if we fail to do our part.

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