

**A happy marriage is the world's best bargain.**

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The **BULLETIN INSERT** for [January](#) encourages couples make one or two joint New Year's resolutions and also offers local opportunities to nurture their relationship.

The [January CLASS LIST](#) offers many opportunities for couples desiring to encourage their relationship. Will you be offering classes/seminars that should be included here? We would be pleased to add them.

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**FIVE MINUTES FOR MARRIAGE GETS A NEW LOOK**

We believe this new format for Five Minutes will assist you to get to the information you need to nurture the marriages within your sphere of influence.

Please be patient as we work to improve. Let [Tom Dressel](#) know about the bugs you find, the features you like, those you would like to see added, and those things that could be dropped. Our sole reason in being is to help you help couples find Jesus through their marriages.

**CANCELLED****I STILL DO 2012 and PASTOR BREAKFAST**

Along with many of you, the sponsors of the I Still Do and Pastor Breakfast events are feeling the effect of a contracting economy. These events are cancelled for 2012 with plans moving forward for 2013. We would appreciate your prayers for marriage ministries

**ART OF MARRIAGE**

The Art of Marriage brings together some of the most influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It is a fresh approach to a video event, weaving together engaging stories, real-life testimonies, man-on-the-street interviews and humorous vignettes. Your couples will experience God's design for marriage, [details](#).

Art of Marriage would make a great Marriage Week (Feb 7-14) seminar. Every Marriage Matters has a copy of this 6 hour DVD series available for church loan, contact [Tom Dressel](#).

**JANUARY'S FEATURED VIDEO**

This month at [EveryMarriageMatters.org](#) we take a humorous look at expectations through a computer program called iMarriage.

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**LOCAL EVENTS and NEWS**

**Project Marry Well Training** seeks to help you build a biblically sound, evidence-based strategy for preparing

Your prayers and financial help to strengthen marriage are appreciated

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teens and singles for successful marriages. Equip your youth ministry team and parents. Northwest Family Services is seeking training locations, the following are presently scheduled:

Friday, Jan 20 at Northwest Family Services

Saturday, Feb 25 at Living Hope Church, Oregon City

[Further Information](#)

**Art of Marriage Seminar** This powerful DVD based seminar will be hosted by [Abundant Life Church](#), Happy Valley, on January 27 and 28.

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## RESEARCH FINDINGS

**A Dividend Wall Street Cannot Deliver** The wealth of nations depends in no small part on the health of the family. From New Zealand publication

[Mercatornet.com](http://Mercatornet.com)

**Are Married Men Better Workers Than Single**

**Ones?** From Jim Daly's comment on the [Focus on the Family blog](#).

**Can't Buy Love: Materialism Kills Marriages** From [ABC News](#).

Fewer marriages, fewer jobs, what's contributing to poverty? From the [Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#).

**Holding Off On Having Kids** The bleak economic picture we're seeing today, with high unemployment and low pay is discouraging many families from having kids. From the [Wall Street Journal](#).

**Number of long-lasting marriages in U.S. has risen**

Three in four couples who married after 1990 celebrated a 10-year anniversary. From the [Washington Post](#).

Teen Parents in Foster Care: Risk Factors and Outcomes for Teens and Their Children From a [Child Trends Report](#).

**Want to build wealth? Get married** It is arguably the single most important personal financial decision you will ever make. But few people see it that way. From the (Canadian) [National Post](#).

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## COHABITATION

**Married couples at a record low** More people are deciding to live together now and wed later. From the [Washington Post](#).

**The Ring Makes All the Difference** Describes why marriage is better than cohabitation - for everyone. From [Focus on the Family](#).

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## **DISTRESS AND DIVORCE / RESTORATION**

**18 Shocking Statistics About Children and Divorce** from Larry Bilotta's [Marriage Success Secrets](#).

**Getting Rid of the Green-Eyed Monster in Your Marriage** From [Dr Gary and Barbara Rosberg](#).

**The Descendants movie** "It's by far the best movie I've ever seen dealing with extramarital affairs. In fact, this movie is unique in that it doesn't depict the affair itself at all. The affair has already ended when the movie begins, so it focuses strictly on the aftermath." - Peggy Vaughan, author of Beyond Affairs ([dearpeggy.com](#))

**Second Chances: A Proposal to Reduce Unnecessary Divorces** From the [Institute for American Values](#).

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## **HEALTHY MARRIAGE**

**Allies Every Husband Needs** Men do crazy things when other men are around. But they also achieve the impossible. An excerpt from a great new book from [Brian Goin](#).

**Reasons to Stay Married** discusses several aspects of commitment. From author [Joe Beam](#).

**Sex is the Key to a Happy Retirement** Pensioners with an active sex life are significantly more likely to enjoy a happy retirement. This [Telegraph](#) article reports from the United Kingdom.

**Five Steps To Startup-Proof A Relationship** Encouragement to entrepreneurs from [Forbes Magazine](#).

**Thanks For a Whole Lot of Nothings** My gratitude for everyday actions improved our opinions of each other. From [Marriage Partnership](#).

**The Generous Marriage** Research from the National Marriage Project reported in the [New York Times blog](#).

**The Truth About Deception** How manipulation sabotages marriage. [Sherry Van Zante](#).

**The Parental Happiness Curve** Why are parents with four-plus children happier, on average, than those with just a couple? Reported by [Mercator.net](#).

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## **BLENDED FAMILIES**

**Marriage Experts Join Forces for Blended Family Help** Ron Deal and [Smart Stepfamilies](#) are joining [FamilyLife](#), one of the nation's leading organizations in marriage and family ministry, in order to better serve blended families and church leaders.

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## **YOUTH MINISTRY / PARENTING**

### **Project Marry Well**

**PREPARE-ENRICH-INSPIRE** Take a look at this new curriculum: A course on the essentials of successful relationships - based on 30 years of independent research by the PREPARE/ENRICH adult assessment program. In ten lessons, PEI provides a teen-friendly, experiential introduction to such fundamentals as self-awareness, dating, love, communication, decision-making and much more. From the [Dibble Institute](#).  
**How Far Is Too Far Sexually?** From [Cliff Young & Laura MacCorkle](#).

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## **PREMARITAL PREPARATION**

### **Long Roads That Led, Finally, to the Altar**

A Sacramento church gave a day of weddings to eight low income couples after the local healthy marriage initiative had provided premarital prep. By Louise Rafkin in the [New York Times](#).

**The First Step to Planning a Wedding** Advice in starting the journey to "I Do". From [FoxNews.com](#).

**Meaning of Marriage** a new book by Timothy Keller has received great reviews at [Amazon](#) and [CBD](#).

Consider using it with your premarital couples.

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## **RESOURCES FOR PASTORS**

**PREPARE/ENRICH Training** [Marriage Savers](#) is offering this training in your offices via webinar technology on January 14

**Vacation and Retreat Opportunities** Make that dream a reality with these free and low cost lodging possibilities. Posted at [Every Marriage Matters](#).

**Ministering to the Ministers**, from [Chuck Colson](#).

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## RESOURCES TO PASS ALONG

**15 Ways to Please Your Wife** by [Dennis Rainey](#) and  
**15 Ways to Please Your Husband** by [Barbara Rainey](#).

**5 Ways to Encourage Your Husband to Dream** Why  
It's Important for Your Husband to Dream A man  
expresses his heart in a very special way when he  
expresses a dream. From author Cindi McMenamini,  
[Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

**Activating God's Word in Your Marriage** Scripture  
can change your marriage if you let it. From author  
[Lisa Cowman](#)

**After the Years' Ups and Downs, Beginning Again**  
Celebration of anniversaries. From the [New York  
Times](#)

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## PARTING WORDS

**Importance of Marriage** We know that kids are more  
likely to get the human and the social capital that they  
need to flourish both in life and the market when  
they're raised by intact, married parents. - Brad  
Wilcox

**Sexual Satisfaction** The portion of 18- to 46-year-olds  
with below-average sexual satisfaction who are "very  
happy" in their marriages: Husbands: 7 percent;  
Wives: 6 percent. - New York Times

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Respectfully,

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