

Why My Family Needs God



1) God Defines The Home

A. World View Of The Home



Pew Research Center

(<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2010/11/18/the-decline-of-marriage-and-rise-of-new-families/>)

- Public attitudes about sex outside of marriage:
 - **1969: 68%** believed that it was wrong for a man and woman to have sexual relations before marriage.
 - **1985: 39%**
 - **2009: 32%**

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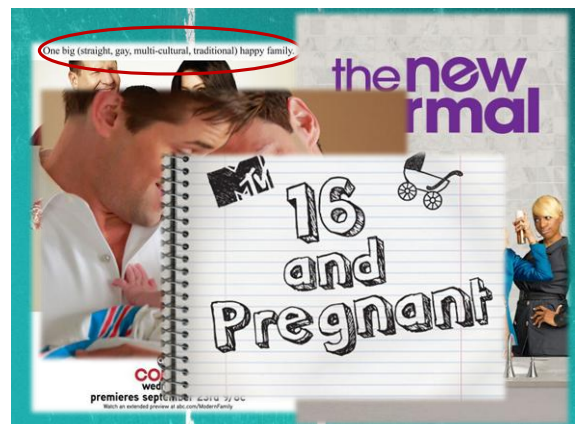
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- **44%** of all adults (and more than half of all adults ages 30 to 49) say they have cohabited at some point in their lives. Among those who have done so, about two-thirds (**64%**) say they thought of this living arrangement as a step toward marriage.

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- Is Marriage Becoming Obsolete?
 - Nearly four-in-ten survey respondents (**39%**) say that it is.
- The Definition of Family:
 - **86%** say a single parent and child constitute a family
 - **80%** say an unmarried couple living together with a child is a family
 - **63%** say a gay or lesbian couple raising a child is a family



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B. God's View Of The Home

- 1) Genesis 2:18, 22-24;
Matthew 19:4-6



Hebrews 13:4 - Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is to be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 6:9 - Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, (NKJV)

2) God Defines Our Focus

A. World View Of Our Country (Physical Home)



U.S. NATIONAL DEBT CLOCK

The Outstanding Public Debt as of Oct 2013

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With news that the federal government will hit the "debt ceiling" in mid-October rather than in December, as had been previously predicted, we're headed toward another contrived "fiscal cliff" crisis. Hold onto your wallet.

Barack Obama has made it clear that he won't negotiate with congressional Republicans over the debt limit. But because it will now be reached just a couple of weeks after the deadline for a budget



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2) God Defines Our Focus

B. God's View Of Our Country

- 1) It Is Temporary
(Mat. 6:25, 27, 33-34;
2 Cor. 4:16 - 5:6)



James 4:14-15 - Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that. (NASB)

3) God Defines Real Love

A. World View Of Love



John 3:16- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Ephesians 5:25 - Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

Matthew 22:37-38 - ..."**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.**"³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment.
³⁹ The second is like it, '**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**'

4) God Defines Sin

A. World View Of Sin's Consequences



NEW YORK, May 29, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Against a backdrop of horrific crimes and devastating natural disasters, 56% of Americans surveyed believe in the devil, 53% believe in hell and 43% believe in hell as "a place of suffering and punishment where people go after they die," according to a recent poll of 1,218 Americans conducted over Memorial Day Weekend.

The survey also found that Americans don't hold God responsible for these tragedies with 86% believing natural disasters such as the Oklahoma tornado and Hurricane Sandy are a function of nature. 61% believe recent terror and crime episodes, such as the London terrorist attack, the Cleveland kidnapping / imprisonments and the Sandy Hook massacre are caused by "the evil in people's hearts" rather than "divine retribution." An equal amount of respondents (38%) believe that people who commit violent criminal acts go to hell as well as those who don't ask God's forgiveness for their sins before they die. 61.5% of respondents believe they're going to heaven while only 1.5% believe they will go to hell.

Commissioned by the True Life in God Foundation (TLGF), established by international author / humanitarian Vassula Ryden (author of the bestseller *Heaven is Real But So Is Hell*, released in March, 2013), the poll was conducted online from May 23-27, 2013 among 1,218 Americans, age 18-60 and older with a margin of error of +/-2.9%. Respondents were equally split (50%) between male and female.

The new survey shows that while a majority of Americans still believe in hell (54%), the number is declining. A 2008 Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life / US Religious Landscape Survey showed that 59% of Americans believed in hell in 2008, and an earlier Pew study reported that 71% believed in hell as of 2001.



<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/majority-of-americans-surveyed-believe-heaven-and-hell-exist-the-devil-and-angels-are-real-and-god-is-not-responsible-for-recent-us-tragedies-209383941.html>

4) God Defines Sin

B. God's View Of Sin's Consequences

1) Matthew 25:31-46; 7:21-27



5) God Defines Your Future

A. World View Of The Future

- 1) "Live Life To The Fullest"
- 2) "You Only Live Once"
- 3) "Be Happy & Prosper"
- 4) "If It Feels Good Do It"

B. God's View Of Your Future Depends On YOU! (Mat. 7:13-14)

Galatians 6:7-8 - Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

1 Timothy 4:1-2 - But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ² by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

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