

Chapter 1 : LOVE, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY

The family is a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, to protect each family member and to communicate love. Marriage provides commitment and security to each member of the family. A family gives you your identity and background, and a sense of belonging.

What is the purpose of family? Families are where we connect ourselves in relationships to past, current, and future generations. Our families are where we experience our biggest triumphs and our deepest vulnerabilities—and they are where we have the greatest potential to do good. We believe the family is divine in nature and that God designates it as the fundamental building block of society, both on earth and through eternity. As such, it becomes the foundation for civilization and a sanctuary for the individual. It is where we learn the social graces of loyalty, cooperation, and trust. There is a universal desire for oneness among people—we want to belong. For the fortunate among us, that desire began with loving parents and siblings in a home that was equal parts refuge and laboratory for experimenting with our potential, our beliefs, and our identity. Those who had less than this ideal situation growing up still have the capacity to forge families of their own making. One of the blessings of belonging to a family is the inspiration to make choices beyond self-interest and immediate gratification. The family can encourage our commitment to individuals, communities, and God. To help emphasize the important role of the family, a modern Prophet and Apostles revealed *The Family: A Proclamation to the World* to help strengthen the family and explain its divine nature and purpose. One way Mormons demonstrate this family focus is with a practice they call family home evening. For this evening, families gather together weekly on a designated day usually Monday in their homes to share music, lessons, scripture, stories, fun activities, and prayer, with the goal of strengthening their relationships. They share wisdom, comfort, and laughter and ensure that the lives of their progenitors continue to influence the coming generations. Mormons make a dedicated practice of doing genealogy and creating family histories, thereby connecting together generations that would otherwise not know each other. In over 4, family history centers operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints around the world, the fabric of humanity is being woven together through formal record keeping. The Church records important dates and other information about those who have died, stores it, and makes it accessible to the public. This practice allows Mormons to identify their deceased ancestors so they can perform ordinances for them in the temple, a holy place where worthy Church members make sacred commitments to God and perform sacred acts, such as baptism by proxy for the dead. These ordinances on behalf of the deceased allow those who were unable to perform saving earthly rites for themselves to receive them in the afterlife. These acts of service permanently bind the generations of humanity to each other and ultimately create oneness in the family tree of humankind. It is a beautiful, massive tree—seemingly without limits—and one that has room enough for every root, branch, limb, and leaf. Our universal desire to belong exists for good reason; it exists because we do belong.

In my opinion, "The Commitment: Love, Sex, Marriage, and My Family" should be required reading for anyone, on either "side", who wants to debate the right of same-sex couples to wed.

Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the U. An apostolic exhortation is a particular kind of papal teaching that communicates the mind of the pope on a certain topic. It is often used to share the conclusions reached by the Holy Father after consideration of the recommendations of a Synod of Bishops. Where did *Amoris Laetitia* come from? What is the Synod of Bishops? The Synod of Bishops is a permanent institution of the Catholic Church. It was established by Pope Paul VI in , shortly after the close of the Second Vatican Council, to continue the spirit of collegiality and communion that was present at the Council. See the Vatican website and the Code of Canon Law, canon What topics does the apostolic exhortation cover? It includes an extended reflection on love and what it means in the day-to-day reality of marriage and family life. What does the title mean? The exhortation is meant to echo the conviction of the Synod Fathers that the Christian family is "good news indeed" no. Who should read this apostolic exhortation? This document is for all who care about the future of the family. It is addressed to Bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated persons, Christian married couples and all the lay faithful. In particular, married couples can be reminded of their call and mission through this exhortation, and families can find it an ongoing source of inspiration. How can the apostolic exhortation be utilized by Catholic leaders? *Amoris Laetitia* will be a valuable guide for all those engaged in ministry to those discerning and preparing for marriage and to married couples and families at all stages. Pope Francis himself has urged a patient and careful reading of the document, with the hope that, "in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life!" no. How has Pope Francis shown a concern for the family in his pontificate? Pope Francis has shown his love for marriages and families in many ways. In the first year of his papacy, he called for two consecutive synodal assemblies on the family. He also canonized Pope St. John Paul II, whom he called the "pope of the family. As Pope Francis shows in chapter three, *Amoris Laetitia* follows upon a rich treasury of Church teaching on marriage and the family. John Paul II after the synod on the family in , which has been a touchstone for marriage and family life ministry since its publication. All of these works are cited at various points in *Amoris Laetitia*. How can I get a copy of the apostolic exhortation? It can also be read in its entirety on the Vatican website www.vatican.va. Este documento es para todos los que se preocupan por el futuro de la familia. El papa Francisco ha demostrado su amor por los matrimonios y las familias de muchas maneras. Todas estas obras son citadas en varios puntos en *Amoris laetitia*.

Chapter 3 : 3 Timeless Truths About Love, Family, and Marriage - Fierce Marriage

3 Timeless Truths about Love, Family, & Marriage 1: Without the verbs of love, the noun marriage loses it's meaning Without verbs - or actions - the noun like marriage carries very little meaning.

So it would be sad if readers uninterested in its political theme passed up the book. His marriage ideal has in my view everything to recommend it, if our standard is the flourishing of reasoning social beings. Along the way he demonstrates the inadequacies of alternative models, both traditional and modern—marriage is best seen as neither a union essentially for the raising of children nor a contractual framework to facilitate a series of narrowly self-regarding transactions. Thankfully it no longer does. Individuals ought to be left free to enter into the consensual arrangements of their own choosing. But he does not leave matters there. And it is also an argument for a state-defined one-size-fits-all marriage contract. Neither the roadblocks nor the Procrustean contract make sense. I argue, therefore, that people should be free to design their own marital arrangements, and, if they like, to embody them in legally enforceable agreements free of state involvement. A liberal society can leave room for a diverse array of individual models of marriage without endorsing the view that all are equally worthwhile. Chartier surveys them and finds them wanting. Two points strike me as especially strong. First, people too easily conflate society and state. Even if politicians promised to foster a widely accepted marital social norm, the temptation to engage in social engineering via the tax code or in some other way would be strong. In contrast, nonstate fostering of norms tends to strike a reasonable balance between stability and dynamism, with free individuals exercising the ultimate check. Nonstate entities can offer partners a shared public identity and standing as a social unit. But they can choose similar, or more demanding, arrangement by private agreement. And they will be the ones choosing, in any case. As long as marriage remains a state-sponsored practice, marital rules will need to satisfy politicians. And there is no a priori reason to expect politicians to support particularly conservative values, especially when societal mores are in flux. Those churches that object, for instance to same-sex marriage will have no need to worry about the impact on their beliefs and practices of a nationwide legal definition of marriage as gender-neutral. Those churches that oppose no-fault divorce will obviously be free to promote marital agreements that pose roadblocks to divorce. This brings us to same-sex marriage. As long as the state is involved with marriage, Chartier writes, it ought to recognize same-sex marriage. Hence he approves of the U. People could still marry through nonstate institutions. However, nonrecognition of same-sex marriage when the state recognizes different-sex marriage indeed violates the Equal Protection Clause. More fundamentally, it also violates one of the pillars of classical liberalism: Of course, for a libertarian like Chartier state recognition should impose no positive obligations on bakers, photographers, or anyone else. If state-sanctioned marriage today entails tax-financed or other coerced benefits, those benefits, not same-sex marriage, should be opposed. But Chartier does not let things go at that. While he opposes state efforts to compel others to respect same-sex marriage, he nonetheless believes they should do so. Therefore same-sex marriage should be recognized as a good. Marriages are among the most important of these communities. Strong marital relationships contribute to the growth and flourishing of healthy communities. So someone who regarded these relationships as involving immoral conduct might well support affording them communal recognition as a means of promoting the goods offered participants and others. It deserves wide attention. Sheldon Richman is executive editor of the Libertarian Institute, a senior fellow at the Center for a Stateless Society, a contributing editor at Antiwar.

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And that is a shame, because the exhortation says many important things about love, marriage, the family, and the current cultural crisis of a world in which the imperial autonomous Self is running roughshod over just about everything, leaving a lot of human unhappiness in its wake.

Included among them is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a brilliant German theologian born in He was imprisoned for his active opposition and finally executed in a concentration camp. Bonhoeffer was a prolific writer, and some of his best-known pieces are letters that sympathetic guards helped him smuggle out of prison, later published as Letters and Papers from Prison. One of those letters was to his niece before her wedding. It included these significant insights: In your love you see only the heaven of your own happiness, but in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal—it is a status, an office. Just as it is the crown, and not merely the will to rule, that makes the king, so it is marriage, and not merely your love for each other, that joins you together in the sight of God and man. To understand, we have to go back to the beginning. Prophets have revealed that we first existed as intelligences and that we were given form, or spirit bodies, by God, thus becoming His spirit children—sons and daughters of heavenly parents. Now He was offering us a path to complete or perfect that being. The addition of the physical element is essential to the fulness of being and glory that God Himself enjoys. Could we bridle the flesh so that it became the instrument rather than the master of the spirit? Could we be trusted both in time and eternity with godly powers, including power to create life? Would we individually overcome evil? First was the Creation of the earth as our dwelling place. With the Fall came an awareness of good and evil and the God-given power to choose. And since none of us will have been perfectly and consistently obedient to the gospel law, His Atonement also redeems us from our own sins on condition of repentance. Our spiritual death—our separation from God—will end. He also ordained that parents should establish families and rear their children in light and truth, leading them to a hope in Christ. The Father commands us: A critical mass of families built on such marriages is vital for societies to survive and flourish. That is why communities and nations generally have encouraged and protected marriage and the family as privileged institutions. It has never been just about the love and happiness of adults. The social science case for marriage and for families headed by a married man and woman is compelling. Neither we nor any other mortal can alter this divine order of matrimony. It is not a human invention. In the premortal world, Lucifer rebelled against God and His plan, and his opposition only grows in intensity. He fights to discourage marriage and the formation of families, and where marriages and families are formed, he does what he can to disrupt them. He attacks everything that is sacred about human sexuality, tearing it from the context of marriage with a seemingly infinite array of immoral thoughts and acts. He seeks to convince men and women that marriage and family priorities can be ignored or abandoned, or at least made subservient to careers, other achievements, and the quest for self-fulfillment and individual autonomy. Certainly the adversary is pleased when parents neglect to teach and train their children to have faith in Christ and be spiritually born again. Brothers and sisters, many things are good, many are important, but only a few are essential. To declare the fundamental truths relative to marriage and family is not to overlook or diminish the sacrifices and successes of those for whom the ideal is not a present reality. Some of you are denied the blessing of marriage for reasons including a lack of viable prospects, same-sex attraction, physical or mental impairments, or simply a fear of failure that, for the moment at least, overshadows faith. Or you may have married, but that marriage ended, and you are left to manage alone what two together can barely sustain. Some of you who are married cannot bear children despite overwhelming desires and pleading prayers. Even so, everyone has gifts; everyone has talents; everyone can contribute to the unfolding of the divine plan in each generation. Much that is good, much that is essential—even sometimes all that is necessary for now—can be achieved in less than ideal circumstances. So many of you are doing your very best. With confidence we testify that the Atonement of Jesus Christ has anticipated and, in the end, will compensate all deprivation and loss for those who turn to Him. No one is predestined to receive less than all

that the Father has for His children. One young mother recently confided to me her anxiety about being inadequate in this highest of callings. But I knew she only wanted to please God and to honor His trust. I offered words of reassurance, and in my heart I pleaded that God, her Heavenly Father, would buoy her up with His love and the witness of His approval as she is about His work. That is my prayer for all of us today. May we each find approval in His sight. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

Chapter 5 : Why Marriage, Why Family - By Elder D. Todd Christofferson

Marriage is a "vocation, inasmuch as it is a response to a specific call to experience conjugal love as an imperfect sign of the love between Christ and the Church."

Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians Paul to the Thessalonians 4: Marriage recognizes the interpersonal relationship of man and woman, in which the well-being and self-realization of each partner become a priority for the other. Marriage affords a framework for the mutual love and self-giving of man and woman to each other in human sexuality, and in so doing provides for continuity of the human family. World religions and the Natural Law have always protected the sanctity of marriage and the family. Jesus Christ stressed the importance of the marriage bond by performing his first miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana John 2: He supported marriage in his Ministry Matthew It is the Apostle Paul who identifies the marriage of man and woman with the unity of Christ and his Church Ephesians 5: Marriage provides a solid foundation for romantic love. The union of a man and a woman is natural. The natural language - indeed, the very biology - of the human body is such that the man gives to the woman and the woman receives the man. True love and friendship between a man and a woman grow into a desire for marriage. Marriage gives the couple the grace to grow into a union of heart and soul, and to provide stability for themselves and their children. Children are the fruit and bond of a marriage. The bond of marriage between a man and a woman lasts all the days of their lives, and the form of the ceremony consists of the mutual exchange of vows by a couple. The man gives the woman a ring, but often there is a mutual exchange of rings. The Church celebration and requirements vary with each particular faith. In the Sacrament of Marriage, both members of the couple have been baptized. In the Catholic and Jewish faiths, the couple marry each other through an exchange of solemn vows and rings, with the priest or rabbi serving only as a witness. During the Middle Ages and in times of persecution, such as in England, Ireland, and the British colonies such as Maryland Colony, where public Catholic ceremonies were forbidden, clandestine marriages were considered valid. The marriage could later be blessed from the beginning with a Catholic priest as witness. In many Protestant and Eastern rites, the minister himself marries the couple by pronouncing the couple man and wife after the exchange of vows and rings. The marriage is later sealed during the honeymoon through consummation of the marriage act. Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God, and concludes with a vision of the "wedding-feast of the Lamb" Revelation Joseph listened to the angel and accepted his divine mission by taking Mary as his wife and becoming the foster-father of Jesus Matthew 1: Augustine wrote that the true basis of married love is the attachment of hearts. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Paul to the Corinthians 7: This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband. Paul to the Ephesians 5: How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. The Holy Family is our best example of a loving family. The family is a community of life and love, founded upon marriage, to protect each family member and to communicate love. Marriage provides commitment and security to each member of the family. A family gives you your identity and background, and a sense of belonging. Within our family we are able to share our daily experiences, and give our life meaning. The family is there to celebrate birthdays, holidays, and those important passages in life. The joy of a new baby entering your world is overwhelming. The family is there when you fall, to protect and support you in times of hardship. Your family is an opportunity to grow in virtue, such as love, generosity, and, yes, patience! And one quickly learns that forgiveness is the key to peace. A child is a blessing from God! We learn in the New Testament that Jesus Christ treasured children in his midst, and in fact said that we must become like children to enter the Kingdom of Heaven Matthew Remembering a birthday is so very important. Mothers and fathers complement each other in love and the raising of children in a natural community. The traditional view of the

man as head and woman as heart has somewhat given way to a blending of roles in Western society, although mothers and fathers contribute in a different way to their children. Mothers are gentle and receptive, give birth, nurse, and offer guidance and wisdom in an intuitive and sensitive manner. Fathers have physical strength and provide safety, tend to solve problems in an analytical fashion, teach survival skills and play sports, and serve as a role model for both sons and daughters. Relationships between generations give the child a true sense of community. When grandparents are ill or dying, grandchildren see their parents care for them, teaching them to seek not only their own good but also that of others. A young family is especially lots of fun. All of us would play baseball in the back yard. Everyone liked to dance together in the family room to some of the latest songs. We enjoyed playing board games. One of our favorite family games was a version of "Hide and Go Seek in the Dark" - we would put on the theme song from Close Encounters of the Third Kind while everyone would hide, and when the music stopped, the person who was it would look for everybody with a flashlight. Dinnertime together was a chance to pray and review the day, as well as a time to laugh. After bedtime stories, our children were very good about saying prayers before going to sleep. Sunday was our family day. We would start the day all going to Mass. Then we would go out to dinner and take a ride, and in the summer, we would go to the beach and pick up supper and ice cream on the way home. The family is the principal school of virtues which are necessary for every society. The Bible offers some excellent advice on raising children, advice that our permissive society would be wise to heed! Paul to the Ephesians 6: Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged. Paul to the Colossians 3: Churchill Livingstone, Elsevier, Orlando, Florida, The Nature of Love. The Norton Shakespeare, New York, , Best Poems of the English Language. HarperPerennial, New York, , AA Knopf, New York, Music by Hoagy Carmichael, , and words by Mitchell Parish, Written by Jesse Belvin, Love is a Many Splendored Thing. Time in a Bottle. Written by James Joseph Croce, My Heart Will Go On. Theme Song from Titanic. Songwriter, James Horner, Would You Go With Me. Written by Drew Pearson and Greg Holden, Heath Company, Boston, , Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago, Original Publication, Copenhagen, Denmark, First published in Ignatius Press, San Francisco, Harcourt-Brace, Orlando, Florida, Pauline Books and Media, Boston, , , Mary, Mother of God. Ignatius Press, San Francisco, , The Privilege of Being a Woman. Close Encounters of the Third Kind. The Gospel of Life, the encyclical Evangelium Vitae.

Chapter 6 : The Commitment: Love, Sex, Marriage, and My Family - Wikipedia

Love, sex, marriage, and family have been constants in the human experience, but that is not to say that these institutions have remained unchanged.

A Skeptic Makes Peace with Marriage 3. I love you simply, without problems or pride: I love you in this way because I do not know any other way of loving but this, in which there is no I or you, so intimate that your hand upon my chest is my hand, so intimate then when I fall asleep your eyes close. Seuss Give Amazon holiday gift cards 6. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdnessâ€”and call it loveâ€”true love. Those who wish to sing always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. Le Guin, *The Lathe of Heaven* Love one another but make not a bond of love: Let it be rather a moving sea between the shores of your souls. I have met in the streets a very poor young man who was in love. His hat was old, his coat worn, the water passed through his shoes and the stars through his soul. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences. Do you believe that you will be able to converse well with this person into your old age? Everything else in marriage is transitory. That word is love. When you are loved, you can do anything in creation. When we find someone with weirdness that is compatible with ours, we team up and call it love. In your beauty, how to make poems. You dance inside my chest where no one sees you, but sometimes I do, and that sight becomes this art. But when you fall in love, it is impossible to stand again. *Stories of My Life* I have those things already. I wantâ€”a steady hand. When the soul lies down in that grass the world is too full to talk about. How glad we shall be, that we have somebody we are fond of always, to talk to and sit with. The good things, the bad things, the terrible things, the mundane thingsâ€”all of it, all of the time, every day. Your life will not go unwitnessed because I will be your witness. The best is yet to be. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us. In all the world, there is no love for you like mine. I love you not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me. In the beginning a flame, very pretty, often hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. As love grows older, our hearts mature and our love becomes as coals, deep-burning and unquenchable. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you. It erupts like volcanoes and then subsides. And when it subsides, you have a to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part. It happens accidentally, in a heartbeat, in a single flashing, throbbing moment. Because if you pick it up, it dies and it ceases to be what you love. So if you love a flower, let it be. Love is not about possession. It is about appreciation.

Chapter 7 : Family and Marriage

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Chapter 9 : Journal of Marriage and Family | National Council on Family Relations

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