

EMPOWERING FAMILIES FOR EXCELLENCE – ROLES OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBERS

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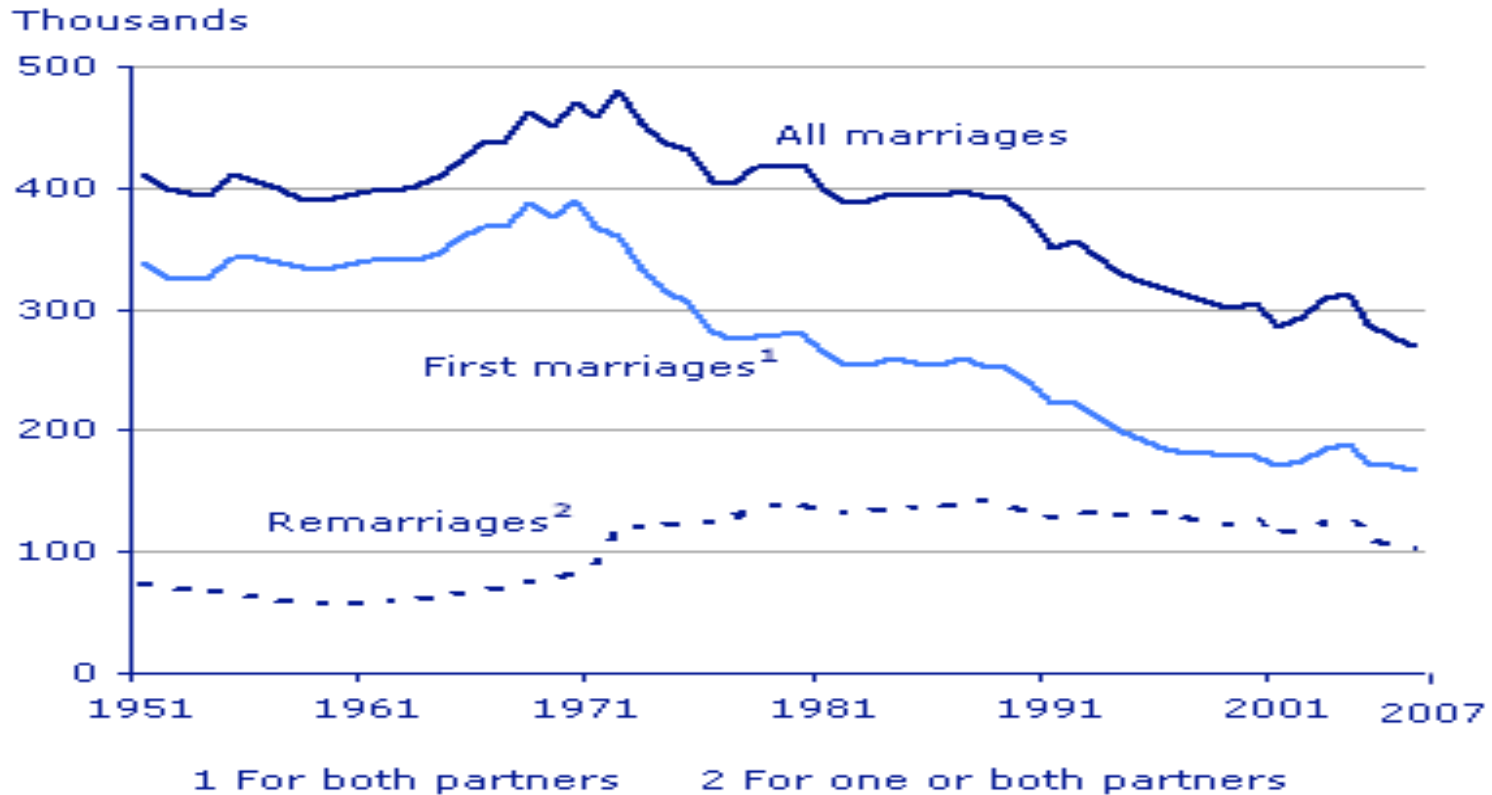
Empowering Families for Excellence

- Empower here means graciously enabling families by the power of God, help and guidance of the Holy Spirit to perform, live and function excellently well (ie the way God meant it and want families to live) for only God is excellent and He alone can help families to live and function very well to demonstrate good virtues.
- God instituted families – For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, (Ephesians 3:14,15, NASB).

Why do families need to be empowered?

1. God blesses and answers the prayers of devout, God fearing families – Acts 10:2–4;
2. God wants to glorify Himself through families – Acts 10:45; He created families for signs and wonders – Isaiah 8:18
3. For good works and God’s work – 1Timothy 3:1–5
4. Wars against families by the devil and his agents – John 10:10

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MARRIAGES IN THE UK - <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=322>

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Reasons for marriage breakdowns include:

- · 27% – Adulterous behavior
- · 18% – Family strains
- · 17% – Emotional/physical abuse
- · 13% – Mid-life crisis
- · 6% – Workaholism
- · 6% – Addictions (alcoholism, gambling, etc.)
- · 4% – Business problems
- · 4% – Other (communication problems, growing apart)
- · 2% – Decision linked to a personal choice
- · Less than 1% – Problems of a sexual nature, loss in income

<http://marriage.about.com/b/2005/01/24/uk-marriage-survey.htm>


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- There are too many attacks from different sources and on different family members
- Children – TV, Internet, Peer pressure, addiction, vogue, schools, abuse, etc
- Mothers – Difficulty in balancing secular work with house work, responsibilities to husband and children
- Fathers – Constantly under pressure, temptations etc

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5. Our environment does not esteem God's kind of family where man and woman gets legally married; God made man and woman to parent children etc

God's instituted family, is where a man leaves his father's house and cleaves to his wife – Gen 2; Eph 5;31; good examples shared with children in fear of and faith in God – John 5:19; the man is willing or and fully engaged in providing for the family; the woman has not bought into the spirit of feminism but submissive to the leadership of the man in the home; love, virtue, obedience to God and demonstration of the power and promises of God eg Acts 21:8–9

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- God wants to use you and me to bring back the ideal order of family composition and existence

No more immorality

No more abomination

No more deconsecrating of the alter of God

Say like Joshua – that as for me and my house, we'll serve the Lord

Roles of individual family members

Parent

- Live exemplary lives - be role models (John 5:19); Titus 2:1-5
- Train your child in the way of the Lord (Eph 6:4)
- Family altar is a must (Ps 1:1-6)
- Correct in love and discipline in the fear of God (Pro 23:13; 22:15)

Roles of Individual family members

Wives

- Submit to your husband as to the Lord (Eph5:22)
- Be a virtuous woman (Pro 31:10 –31)

Husbands

- Love your wives as your own body (Eph5)
- Provide for your family (1Tim5:8)

Roles of Individual family members

Children

- Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right(Eph 6:1–3)
- Be an example of the believer (1Tim 4:12)

All members

- Be strong in the Lord & Pray for each other (Eph 6:10 –18)
- Be full of good works Titus2:1–7 (Amp)

Conclusion

- God instituted families and there is the physical and the spiritual families. Before you can fully enjoy God's plan of excellent families, you have to be part of the spiritual family (John 1:12-13)
- You have to be prepared and determined to follow God's instructions by the help of the Holy Spirit and you will be enabled to excel and be a show case of God's very important unit on earth.

Remember the whole world is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.



How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, Who
walks in His ways.

When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands,
You will be happy and it will be well with you.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine, Within your
house,

Your children like olive plants Around your table.
Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed Who
fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion, And may you see
the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your
life.

Indeed, may you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

(Psalms 128:1-6, NASB).