

“It’s not love that keeps your marriage alive.  
It’s marriage that keeps your love alive.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, writing to a young bride and groom from his prison cell in Nazi Germany 1943

## Marriage Pays

*Economically:* Married individuals have more wealth and financial stability.

*Personally:* Married folks have more happiness, more lifelong thriving love, longer lives and better health.

*For Children:* Children with both parents at home do vastly better in school and have far less trouble with the law, teen pregnancy, and addiction.



## We can do better

Taxpayers spend at least \$112 BILLION annually on divorce and unwed childbearing.

40 percent of all American babies are now born outside of marriage.

72 percent of African-American babies are now born outside of marriage.

Married adults dropped from 79% in 1970 to 57% today.



## How Can Marriage Keep Love Alive?

At [www.NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org](http://www.NationalMarriageWeekUSA.org)

Locate a marriage course near you—we’ve posted them state by state.

We have resources to help your marriage, or for you to help others.

Tools you can use--Quizzes, Kits and Tips.

Read the research. Support the cause.



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