Marriage, sexuality, and Christian parental instruction: a descriptive analysis of perspectives and practices

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Abstract
ABSTRACT MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY, AND CHRISTIAN PARENTAL INSTRUCTION: A DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES Jennifer Rose Garrison, Ph.D. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2016 Chair: Dr. Hal K. Pettegrew The purpose of this study was to describe the perspectives among Christian parents toward marriage and sexuality, to describe the resources and practices utilized by these parents in teaching their children about marriage and sexuality, and to describe to what extent, if any, these parents’ perspectives and teaching practices are influenced by the local church. 28 semi-structured interviews were conducted with Christian parents having at least one child in the range of kindergarten to sixth grade. Chapter 1 offers a detailed description of the research problem and the purpose of the research. Though traditional forms of marriage and sexuality have long been building blocks of society, current American culture now presents many alternative choices to both marriage and sexuality. Chapter 2 provides an overview of the precedent literature concerning marriage, sexuality, and Christian parental instruction, as well as key cultural trends related to marriage and sexuality, and a review of twelve parental help texts addressing both issues. Chapter 3 presents the research methodology of this study. The qualitative research design consisted of the following steps. First, access was obtained to churches who attended
Same-sex marriage: Same-sex marriage, the practice of marriage between two men or between two women. Religious and secular expectations of marriage and sexuality. Over time the historical and traditional cultures originally recorded by the likes of Bachofen and Morgan slowly succumbed to the homogenization imposed by colonialism. Although a multiplicity of marriage practices once existed, conquering nations typically forced local cultures to conform to colonial belief and administrative systems. By the late 20th and early 21st centuries, the perspectives of one or more of the world religions—Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam, and Christianity—and their associated civil practices were often invoked during national discussions of same-sex marriage. Marriage does take work, and like anything else in life, you have to do the work to reap the reward. But the effort that goes into a successful marriage (read happy, functional and fulfilling) is the type of work that can be fun and therapeutic. In a survey that we conducted, we asked happy couples to divulge the key to a successful marriage. Read on to know their 15 tips for a successful and a happy marriage.

1. Be independent. Change your perspective immediately and start focusing on positive traits instead.
2. Take responsibility. It is that easy and one of the secrets of a successful marriage. When you participate in a project, take responsibility for your successes and your failures.

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