Making Marriage: Some Key Ingredients for a More Successful Union

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Before entering into my own marriage on October 17, 2015, I wanted to discover the factors of what makes a successful marriage to help prevent becoming part of the 50% divorce statistic. When divorce can range anywhere from $15,000- $30,000, why would anyone want to leave their spouse?

Essentially the biggest threat to a marriage is finances. Living on a tight budget and moving without clear communication in a marriage usually leads to control issues.

Money spent before the wedding can affect on behavior for the divorce.
- Men who spend between $2,000 and $4,000 on engagement rings are more likely to end up in a divorce.
- The average cost of a U.S. wedding is $30,000. A study done by Nick Weilfinger says the best age to get married is between 28 and 32.

Age

The older a couple is when they marry for the first time, the more likely they will stay together.

The average age of a first marriage in the United States is 27 for women and 23 for men.

Education

The more education a couple has, the more likely they will remain married. When couples receive an education, they often wait until after graduation to get married.

Offices

More other factors

Finances, age, and education correlate with one another. The more education a person has, the older they will be when they get married and the more likely they will find a job to stabilize their finances.

How Race/Ethnicity Affect Marriage

Many people consider the 1950s to be “the good old days” due to more marriages staying intact, but is that really the case?

Today, the divorce rate is roughly 50% but that has steadily declined. This trend can be attributed to many factors but the biggest is financial. People will tend to get married in the 1950s to have children. They believed in the more traditional role of a woman taking on the household unless they have children. Today, many people believe in the more traditional role of a woman taking on the household unless they have children.

Other Factors

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To better understand the factors that affect marriage I interviewed five individuals. The interviewees include a local divorce lawyer, a minister who has been helping with marriage counseling and wedding ceremonies, as well as my husband’s paternal grandmother and my maternal grandparents. (All sets of grandparents have been married for over 50 years)

Before you get married, you need to be sure that you are ready to make the commitment. There are many tips and tricks that can help you have a successful marriage.

Be sensitive to how the other one feels and be willing to give and take and always be supportive ~ Mary Hornback