

“Pursuing Sanctification’s Hold”

Guidelines for a Godly life – Escaping Infidelity

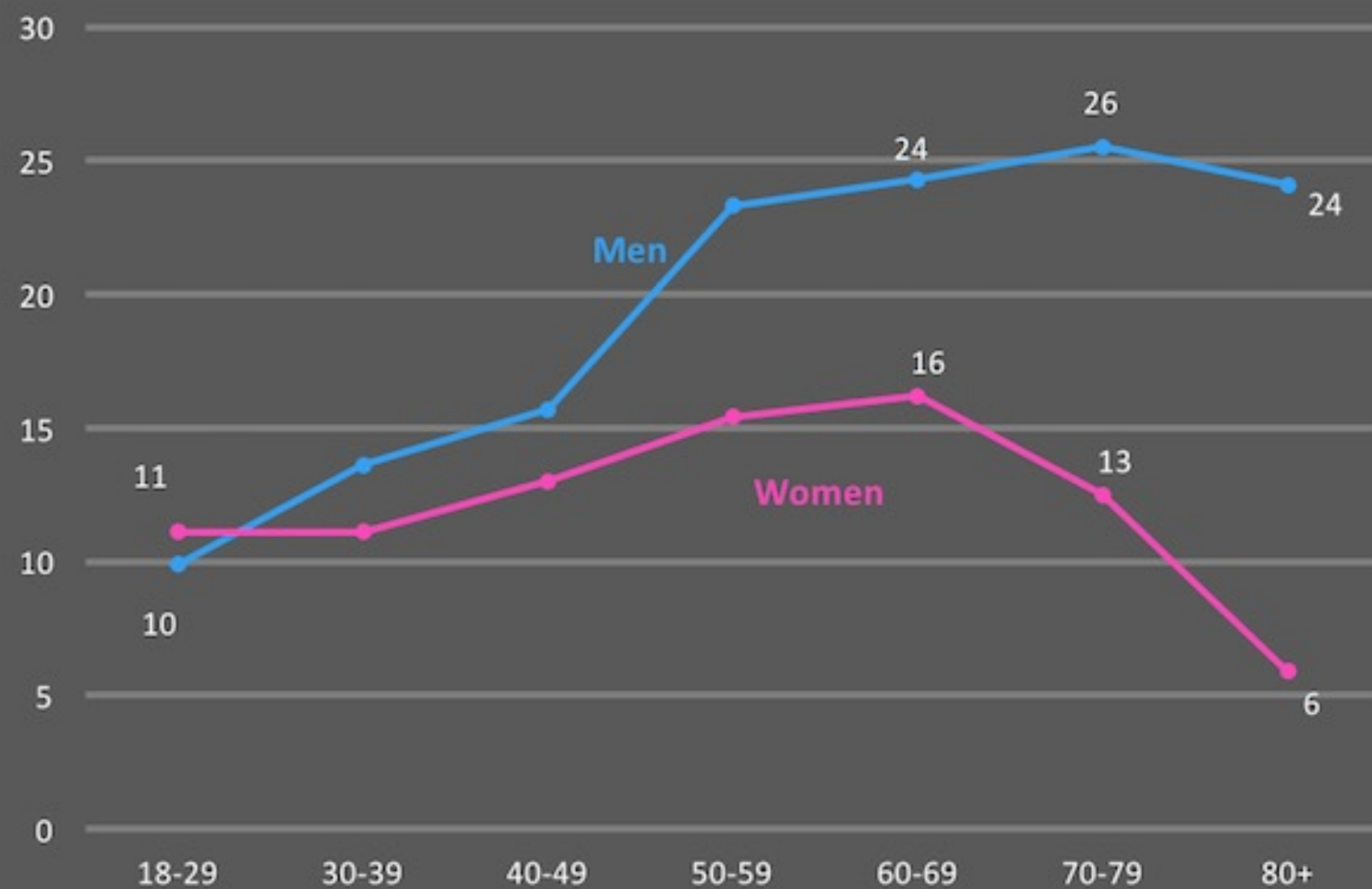
Proverbs 7:1-27

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The Gender Cheating Gap is Wider Among Older Adults

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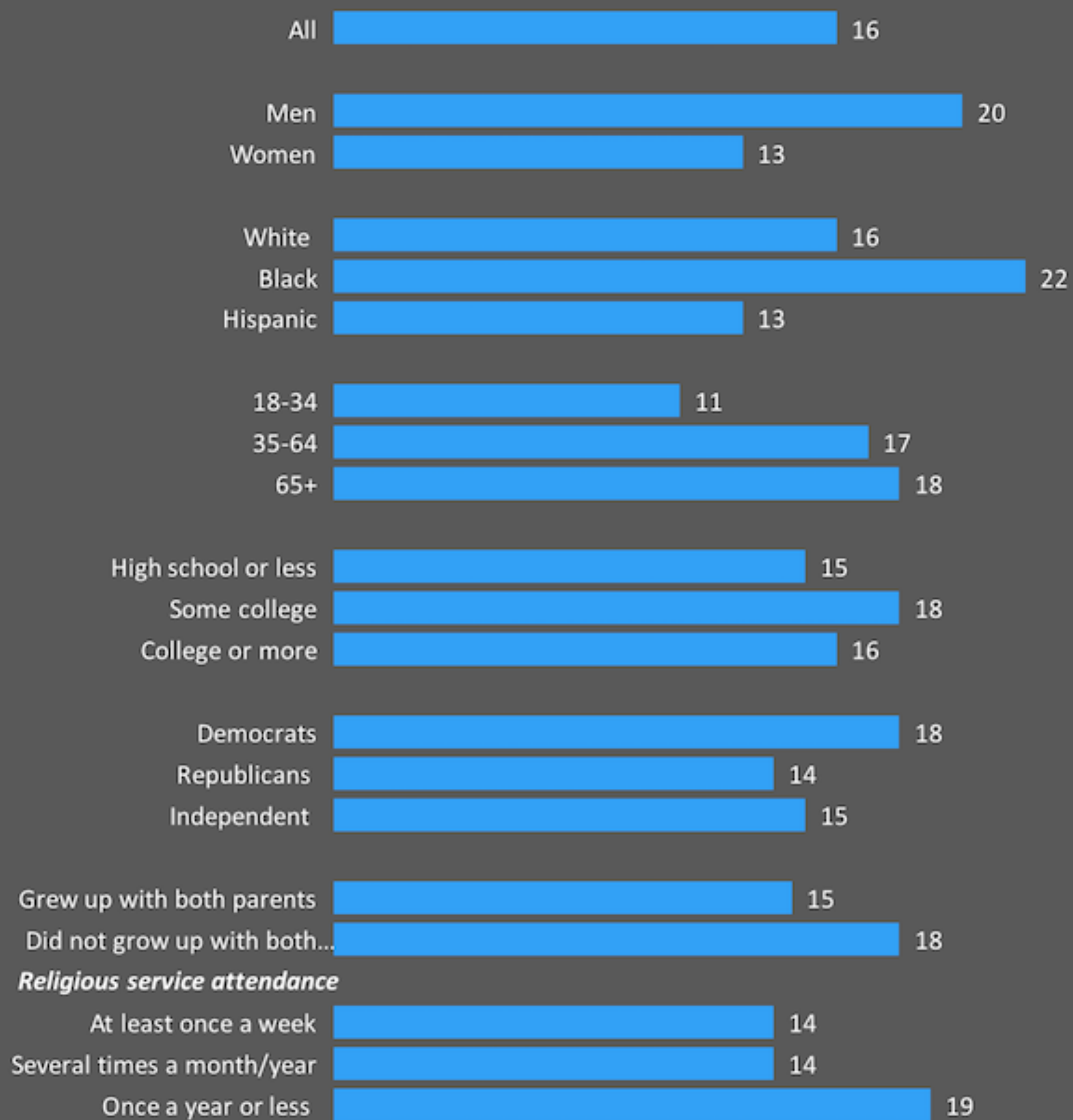


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The Demographics of Cheating in America

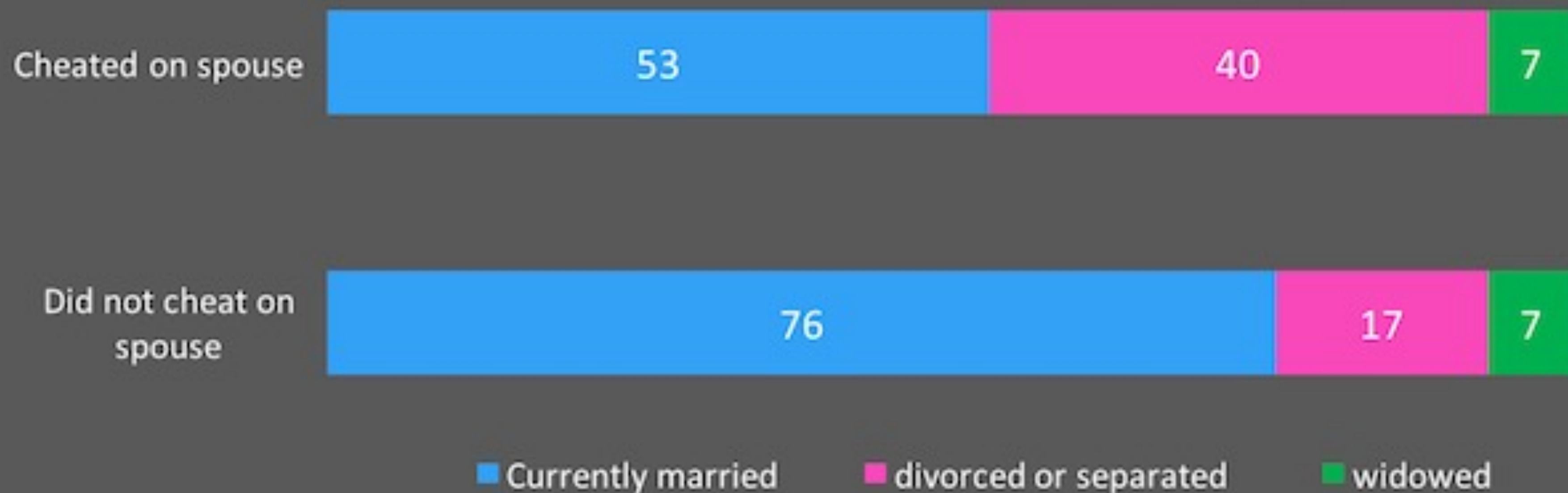
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Cheating is Closely Linked to Divorce and Separation

Current marital status (%)



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Proverb's Theme Statement:

**“The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and
instruction. (1:7)**

Book Outline:



**I. Contrast Between Good and Evil
Proverbs 1-9**

**II. Work, Anger, Pride, Folly, Wealth, Speech
Selected Proverbs**

**III. Words of Agur
Proverbs 30**

**IV. Words of Lemuel
Proverbs 31**

Chapter's Key Verse(s):

“My son, keep my words And treasure my commandments within you. Keep my commandments and live, and (keep) my teaching as the apple of your eye” (7:1-3).

“The one who commits adultery with a woman is lacking sense; He who would destroy himself does it” (6:32).

Theme:

Pursuing Wisdom' Path

A Believer's Work Ethic

Every believer, without exception, must decide his or her resolve to pursue this life long task of obtaining wisdom.

Grasping wisdom takes work and tireless effort.

Like mining gold with a pick ax, the believer develops deep spiritual callouses on his hands in his daily digging efforts.

All efforts motivated by the “Fear of the Lord,” lead the believer onward on the path of grasping two foundational truths found in Proverbs 3:5-6.

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IV. Predicament – (7:7b-23)

V. Plan – (7:24-27)

Portal:

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Turn to James 1:13-15

4 kinds of people responding to the fear of the Lord.:

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- 2) Those who fear the consequences of their sin, but reject God's redemption. (Rom.13:3-5; Rev 5:15)**
- 3) People who care about their sin but who don't have a right relationship with the Lord. (Acts 10:2; 13:6;26)**
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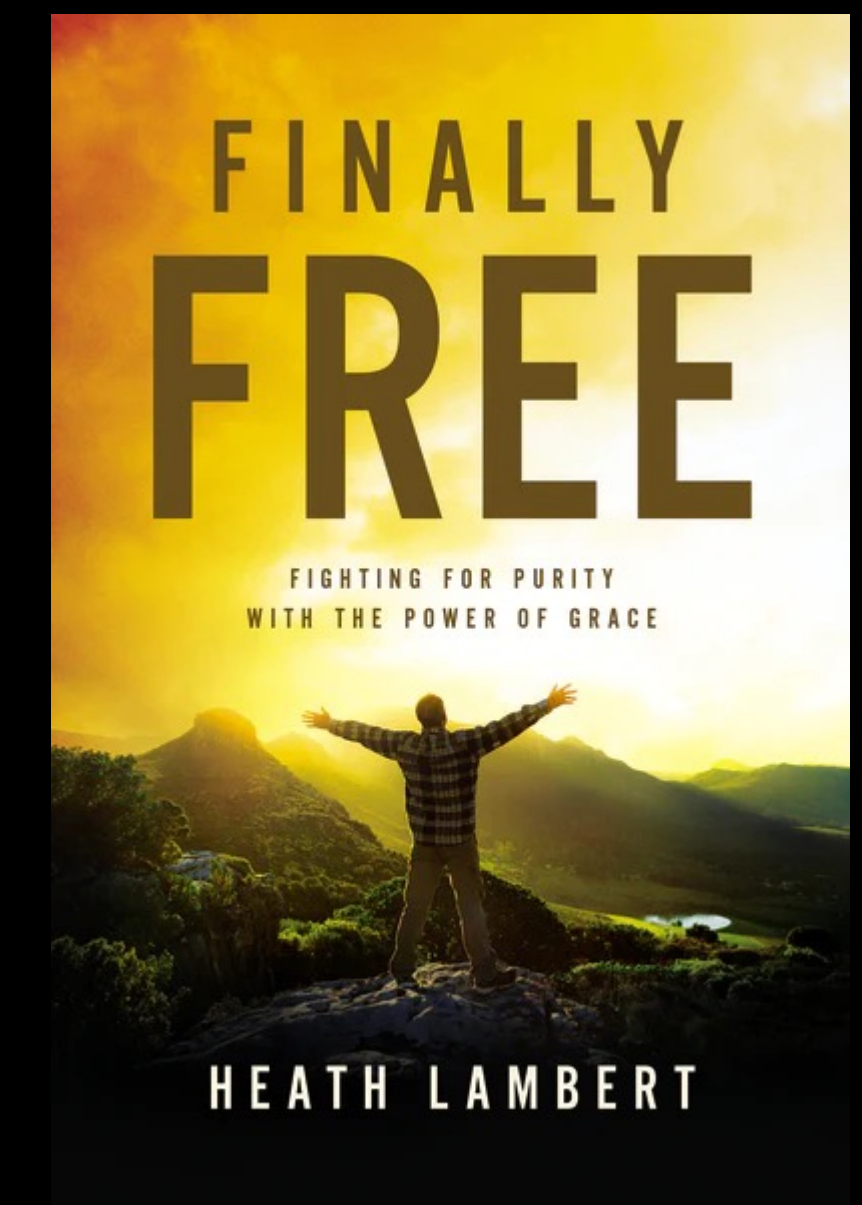
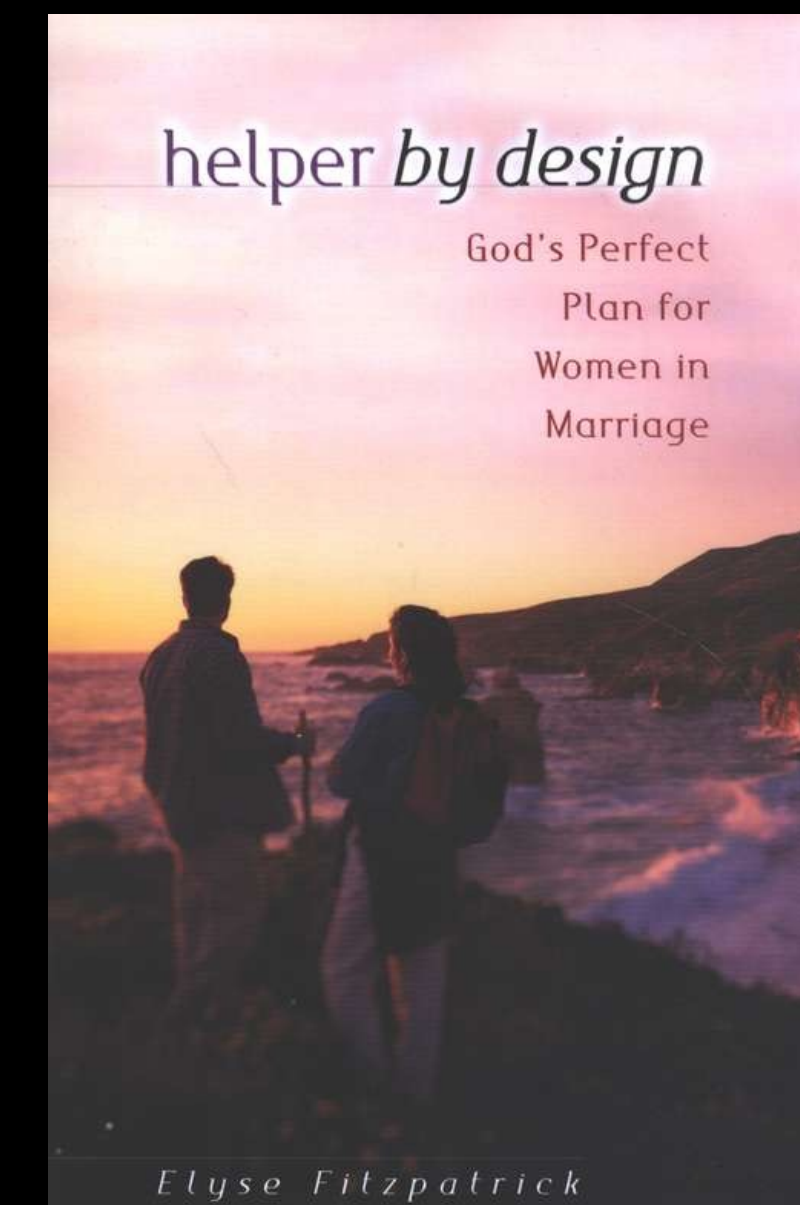
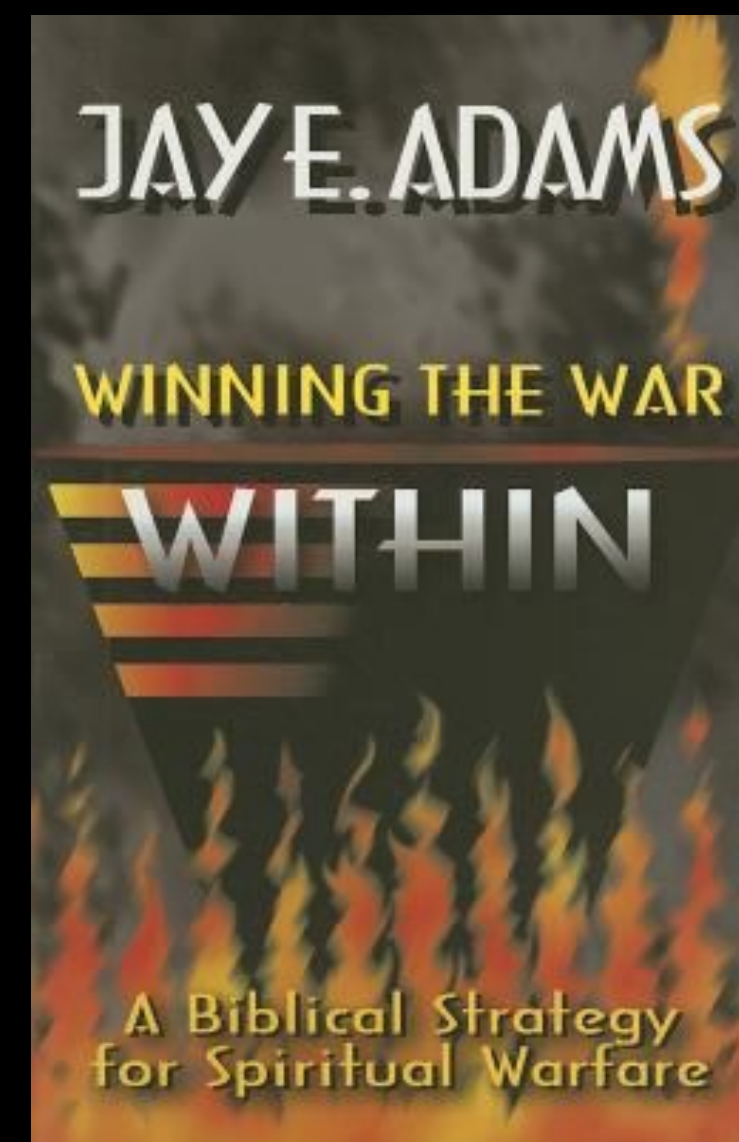
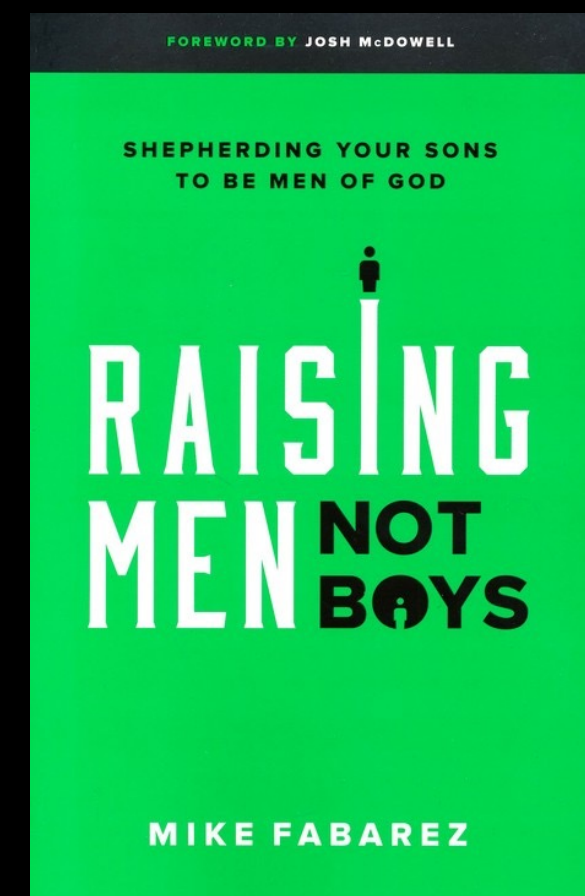
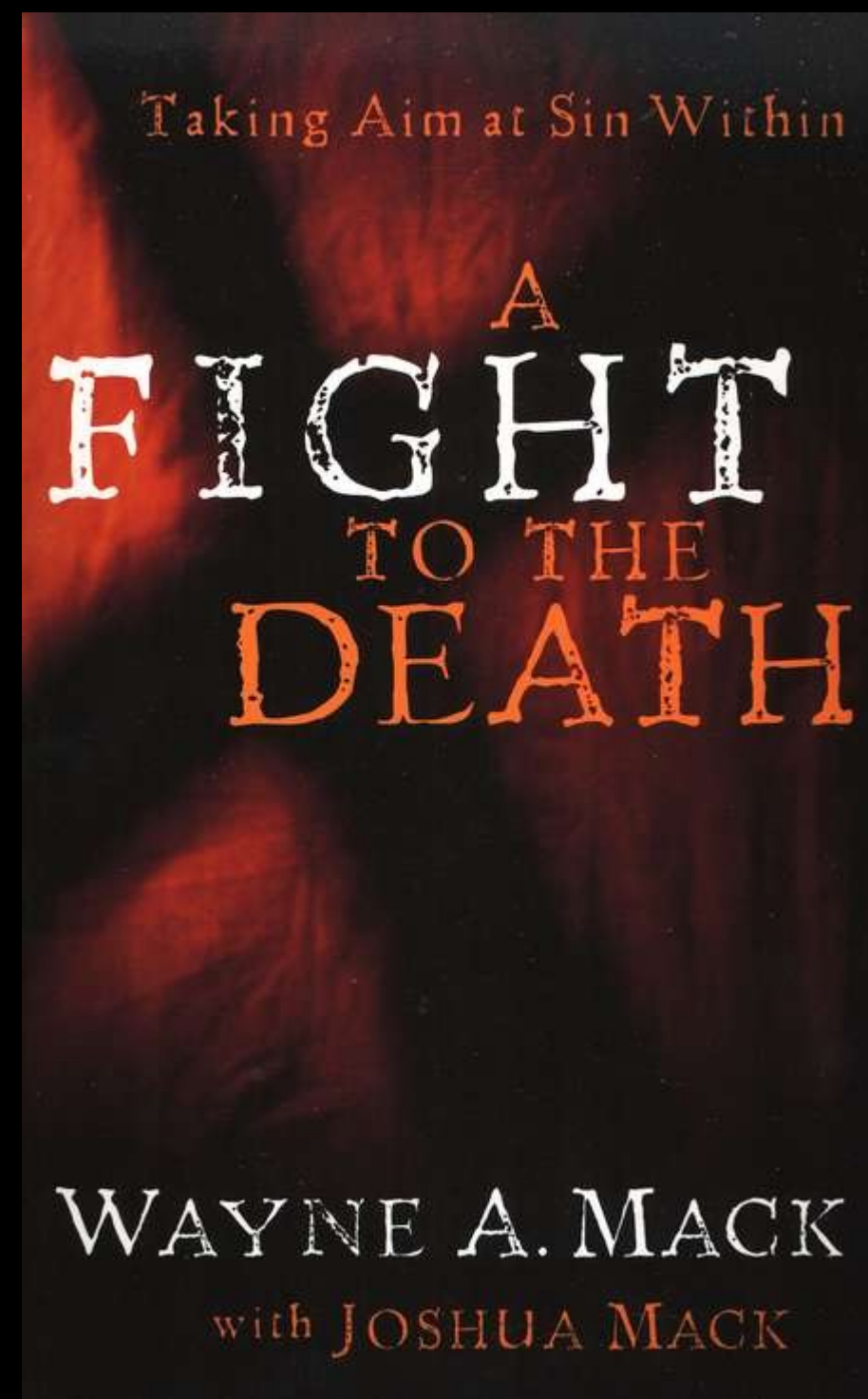
- 1) In your life's journey, understand the likelihood of being in this same situation as this naive young man.
- 2) Most temptations involve a series of sinful decisions.
- 3) Sin involves the entire heart – Mind – Emotions – Will.
- 4) Sin will always lead you further down transgressions' path)
- 5) Forgiveness is always available to the transgressor.
- 6) One is not too old to learn these principles and safeguards

Tips for Parents:

- 1) Special value God places on sexuality
- 2) God's proper context for sexuality
- 3) Importance of modesty
- 4) Problem of our world
- 5) A willingness to answer any questions your son or daughter or spiritual son or daughter may have
- 6) Be proactive about discussing what a future spouse should be like



Books to Recommend



Bible

Finally, Free” Heath Lambert.

The Exemplary Husband by Stuart Scott
Helper by Design by Elsie Fitzpatrick are good.

Lou Priolo - Booklet on Contentment.

Winning the War Within – Jay Adams

Raising men not boys. Mike Fabarez

A fight to the death – Wayne Mack

