

A FATHER'S LEGACY

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I believe that there is strong evidence which points to the fact that the reason American morality and spiritual integrity is at such an all time low is because of the declining value placed on the role of the father in the home and in society.

Men are important. When there is an absence of real men, the world suffers.

- 43% of US children live without their father [US Department of Census]
- 90% of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes.
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of pregnant teenagers lack a father.
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.
- 90% of adolescent repeat arsonists live with only their mother.
- 71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- 75% of adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.
- 70% of juveniles in state operated institutions have no father.
- 85% of youths in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

As men and fathers, it is important to our families and the generations coming after us that we are the men and fathers that God intends for us to be and that the world needs us to be.

I want my kids to remember good things about me. I want them to remember words of wisdom that I have shared with them. I want them to remember Bible stories that I read to them. I want them to remember prayers that I have prayed for them. I want them to remember good times that we have shared together. I want to leave behind a Godly legacy.

The greatest legacy we pass on as fathers is not our money or our possessions; the greatest thing we can give to our children is a godly example of how a man is supposed to live.