

"Men Behaving Godly"

1. In homes where Father's are absent:

a. For Daughters:

- 164% increase in the out of wedlock birth rate.
- 92% increase in their divorce rate
- 53% MORE LIKELY to marry as teenagers.

b. For Sons:

- 300% more likely to become incarcerated.
- 200% more likely to drop out of high school
- 200% increase in the suicide rate

c. Other Facts:

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
- 85% of the children who exhibit behavior disorders are from fatherless homes.
- 80% of the convicted rapists are from fatherless homes.
- 71% of the high school drop outs are from fatherless homes.
- 75% of the adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers are from fatherless homes.
- 70% of the juveniles in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.
- 85% of the youths in prison are from fatherless homes.
- 72% of Americans polled said that more than the economy, more than the BP Oil Crisis, more than the unemployment rate, the physical absence of fathers in the home is the most serious problem facing America today!

Proverbs 13:22 A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children...

Psalms 112:6b ...a righteous man will be remembered forever.

2. Speak With Integrity

Proverbs 17:7 Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool – how much worse lying lips to a ruler.

3. Share with Intensity

Proverbs 3:27 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.

Mark 10:43-45 “Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

1 John 3:16-18 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”

4. Succeed with Humility

Proverbs 29:23 A man’s pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor.

- a. Not too proud to admit when he is wrong
- b. Not too proud to laugh at himself
- c. Not too proud to include others in his agenda

Matthew 23:12 For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.