

THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE

MATTHEW 5:6:

“BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT EVEN AS YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN IS PERFECT”

MATTHEW 6: “OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN...”

JAMES 1:17

INTRO: “FATHER KNOWS BEST”

“VANISHING FATHER”—STATISTICS

CHILDREN RAISED IN FATHERLESS HOUSEHOLDS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE:

-POOR

-BECOME INVOLVED IN DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE

-DROP OUT OF SCHOOL & SUFFER FROM HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS

-EXPERIENCE A DIVORCE IN ADULTHOOD

+GIRLS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BECOME PREGNANT AS TEENS

+BOYS MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN CRIME & BECOME MORE EFFEMINATE

STATISTICS:

NUMBER OF CHILDREN RAISED IN SINGLE PARENT HOMES

IN 2019 IN THE US

34%

IN 2019 IN FLORIDA

39%

STATISTICS:

CHILDREN LIVING WITH MOM ONLY

IN 1960 - 8%

IN 2012 - 24.4%

FROM YEAR 2012 DATA: OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-12, 39% LIVE IN HOMES WITHOUT THEIR BIOLOGICAL FATHERS

20.7% WHITE

31.2% HISPANIC

57.6% BLACK

ACCORDING TO THE US CENSUS BUREAU, 19.5 MILLION CHILDREN, MORE THAN ONE IN FOUR, LIVE WITHOUT A FATHER IN THE HOME

- I. HE PICKS HIS FAMILY
EPH. 1:4 (ROM 8:29) I PETER 2:9
- II. HE PROCREATES HIS FAMILY
A. PHYSICAL B. SPIRITUAL (JOHN 3:5 & 6)
- III. HE PLANS (PREDESTINATES) FOR HIS FAMILY
- IV. HE PROVIDES FOR HIS FAMILY (I TIMOTHY 5:8)
A. COLLEGE
B. OPERATION EXPENSES
- V. HE PROTECTS HIS FAMILY
A. EXAMPLE: CARBON MONOXIDE
B. EXAMPLE: CRIMINAL BREAK-IN

-
- VI. HE PUNISHES FAMILY MEMBERS
HEBREWS 12:5-11

“5....MY SON, DESPISE NOT THOU CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN THOU ARE REBUKED OF HIM:
6. FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVETH HE CHASTENETH, AND SCOURGETH EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVETH.
7. IF YE ENDURE CHASTENING, GOD DEALETH WITH YOU AS WITH SONS; FOR WHAT SON IS HE WHOM THE FATHER CHASTENETH NOT?
8. BUT IF YE BE WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, WHEREOF ALL ARE PARTAKERS, THEN ARE YE BASTARDS, AND NOT SONS.
9. FURTHERMORE WE HAVE HAD FATHERS OF OUR FLESH WHICH CORRECTED US, AND WE GAVE THEM REVERENCE: SHALL WE NOT SO MUCH BE IN SUBJECTION UNTO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS, AND LIVE?
10. FOR THEY VERILY FOR A FEW DAYS CHASTENED US AFTER THEIR OWN PLEASURE; BUT HE NOT FOR OUR PROFIT, THAT WE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS.
11. NOW NO CHASTENING FOR THE PRESENT SEEMETH TO BE JOUOUS, BUT GRIEVOUS: NEVERTHELSS AFTERWARD IF YIELDETH THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO THEM WHICH ARE EXERCISED THEREBY.”

- VII. HE PERSUADES REPENTENCE AND RECONCILLIATION (I JOHN 1: 8 & 9)
- VIII. HE PLEDGES A FANTASTIC INHERITANCE (ROMANS 8:17 & ROMANS 8:32)