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You have not many fathers

### Father's Day 2009

Recently there has been a study on the results of fatherlessness in the United States. This is the Root cause of all social problems in the U.S. The penal system is over ran with males who age from 19-23. That is scary because it gives you an idea of where our society is heading.

Children in father less homes account for 1/3 of all homes in the U.S.

- 5 x more likely to commit suicide
- 32 x more likely to run away
- 14 x more likely to have behavior disorders
- 14 x more likely to commit rape
- 9 x more likely to drop out of school
- 10 x more likely to abuse drugs
- 9 x more likely to be admitted to a state institution
- 20 x more likely to end up in prison

I believe that if we can fix the father situation then we can fix the nation. Government won't talk about it because they don't know what to do about it. How do you solve the problem of fatherlessness? Even secular sociologists are identifying the "father wound" or "father fracture." This is primarily a wound of absence or neglect.

This show was is lacing in our homes today. The 4 Pillars of fatherhood:  
Protecting - Correcting - Directing - Affirming

These scriptures demonstrate the relationship that father's have with their children:

1 Cor. 4:14 – Paul warned Timothy. This is input into his life.

Hebrews 12:5-8 – Even God disciplines His children.

Phil. 2:19-23 – Paul used endearing terms to talk with Timothy

#### II. 4 Pillars of fathering

Protection – An infant needs constant protection and warning. It is part of the security of the child. Protection does not mean control. It means that a parent must help their children make good choices. Some people think they need to impress their children; this is like giving a child candy when they need input.

God put you in the life of your child to protect them.

Correction - Something that a child is desperate for. Where there is no correction there will be no validation. A spanking says "I love you & care for you." All it takes is one dad asking the dad question: What are you doing?

1 Kings 1:5-6: David was a great king but He never asked these 4 words.

Children need correction.

Direction - 1 Cor. 4:16: Direction is primarily for adolescents. This is where a teenager will watch what is done and respond to what is seen.

Affirmation – This is a crucial point. When the Lord was baptized in the Jordan River, even He had to be affirmed by His Father. “This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Up until this time the Lord had not done any miracles, yet God was well pleased. People have a wrong view of God based upon their fathers own wrong example towards them.

Until you are affirmed by a father you will spend a lifetime searching for it.

This is what relationships are all about:

Protecting - correcting - directing - affirming