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A WORD TO THE MEN

We all know that being a dad is more than biology. It's about:

Cherishing your wife ~

Ephesians 5:25 says, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"

In today's culture we often hear women say, "I don't need a man!" "I can be all I want to be without a man in my way." "Men are toxic; I am better on my own." But we know God created them male and female to be fruitful and multiply. Not everyone may be called to marry but when we do, we have a responsibility to honor that covenant relationship.

Being a person of integrity ~

Proverbs 20:7 encourages, "The righteous who walks in his integrity— blessed are his children after him!"

Men of integrity DON'T abandon their families; don't waste their money on foolish or harmful addictions or pursuits; don't turn their back on God and his word.

Men of integrity DO seek a strong relationship with Jesus Christ and follow his example to love his family as Christ loves the church; do watch out for the welfare of their family; do seek to be a safe haven for their family in times of trouble.

Loving your children ~

Ephesians 6:4 exhorts, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

- According to data from 2022, there are approximately 18.3 million children across America who live without a father in the home, comprising about 1 in 4 children.
- But merely being present in the home is not enough. While data shows that the average boy spends 30 minutes in one-on-one conversation each week with his dad, he will spend 40-60 hours per week watching TV, playing video games and surfing the internet. These places are dangerous enough for kids with involved parents and even more for those left to their own devices.
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes, along with 85% of children who exhibit behavioral issues.
- School dropout rates are twice those of kids in homes with a father present.
- Fatherlessness also has a link to abortion rates. Perhaps counterintuitively, data shows that upon the legalization of abortion, the fatherlessness rate in a country rises dramatically. For example, within years after abortion was legalized in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, the percentage of children living with a single mother doubled. In the same vein, one out of every three pregnancies in a fatherless home end in abortion. Fatherlessness likewise has a link to teen pregnancy and sexual activity. One study showed that girls whose fathers left home before they were five years old were eight times more likely to get pregnant as adolescents.
- In a study of 75 juvenile delinquents, 66% experienced fatherlessness, 20% had never lived with their father, and 25% had an alcoholic father. Other data suggests that children who are close to their fathers are 80% less likely to spend time in jail. **

Being a provider ~

I Timothy 5:8 admonishes, "Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Clearly men are responsible for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of their family.

** <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/how-marriage-and-divorce-impact-economic-opportunity/>

Our Fall radio, newspaper and social media ad campaigns are beginning and one of our main focuses is on fatherhood, responsible manhood, and strong families. Part of the proceeds from our Golf for Life Tournament, during which we raised \$28,000, will help fund these efforts. **Thank you for your support!**

If you'd like to know more about Wenatchee Right To Life and how we carry out our mission, please visit our website at <http://wenatcheeforlife.org>. (We also have a men's page on our website under construction that should be ready any day. You will find resources and links there. Thank you for your patience.)

UPCOMING

November 7: We encourage you to educate yourself on local races for school board, city and county elections and vote your conscience on November 7.

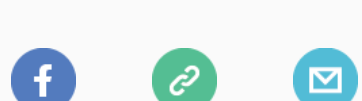
Now through November 5: 40 Days for Life continues to pray for an end to abortion here and around the world. It's not too late to join us. See <http://40daysforlife.com/wenatchee> for more information.



For Life,

Janet Searles
President and Board Chair
Wenatchee Right To Life

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