

## HELPFUL ADVICE TO US AS A CHURCH

God is calling us to be a church ...

- That encourages those dealing with a \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- That encourages men to become a \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- That encourages people to \_\_\_\_\_!



## THE FATHER FACTOR

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### FATHERLESSNESS TODAY

- \_\_\_\_% of children today in America grow up in a fatherless home.
- Nearly \_\_\_\_% of all children of divorce in America have not seen their fathers in the past year.
- \_\_\_\_% of runaways are from fatherless homes.
- \_\_\_\_% of behavior disorders are from fatherless homes.
- \_\_\_\_% of high school dropouts are from fatherless homes.
- \_\_\_\_% of youth in prison are from fatherless homes.

Hosea 8:7

A healthy \_\_\_\_\_ needs a healthy \_\_\_\_\_!

Proverbs 17:6

## A CONTRAST

The book of Proverbs presents a contrast between ...

- **The Foolish Dad:** Proverbs \_\_\_\_\_
  
- **The Wise Dad:** Proverbs \_\_\_\_\_

## DAD'S IMPORTANT ROLE

1. The Old Testament ends with an important word about dads being \_\_\_\_\_ with their children.

[Malachi 4:6](#)

2. The role of a dad is so important that Jesus taught us to think of \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of a \_\_\_\_\_.

[Matthew 6:9](#)

[Romans 8:15](#)

3. Fathers are singled out in the New Testament for their important \_\_\_\_\_ in raising \_\_\_\_\_ children.

[Ephesians 6:4](#)

[Colossians 3:21](#)

## HELPFUL ADVICE TO FATHERS

1. If you are a dad who is disconnected from your children, know it is \_\_\_\_\_ to close the gap no matter how old your children are.
  
2. Be humble and \_\_\_\_\_ when necessary to repair damaged relationships.  
[Colossians 3:12-14](#)
  
3. Wise parenting doesn't \_\_\_\_\_. It takes a plan.

**Resource:** *Talking to Your Kids About God* by Natasha Crain

4. If you are a single dad through divorce or death, or a dad with a blended family, seek \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through resources that will help you move forward.

**Resources:**

- *No More Excuses* by Tony Evans
- *You Have What It Takes* by John Eldredge
- [Betterman.com](#)