

Why Have a Ministry to Men?

A recent nationwide Barna survey revealed:

- 1) Approximately 94 Million males are 18 or older.
- 2) On a typical weekend about 26 Million men attend church services. 68 Million men do not!
- 3) During a typical week, roughly 27 Million men read the Bible. 67 Million men do not!
- 4) One in Three men embrace Christ as Savior. 60 Million rely on other means for "Salvation."
- 5) 85 % of all un-churched men were previously church members.
- 6) Since 1991 ALL church activities have decreased among men, while the proportion of Born Again men has remained unchanged.
- 7) 44 % of Christian Men would like to change the way they feel about themselves.
- 8) 43 % of Christian Men feel a deep sense of failure when they think about their past.
- 9) 25 % of Christian Men indicate satisfaction with themselves as fathers.
- 10) 62 % of Christian Men are satisfied with their relationship with their wives.
- 11) 53 % of Christian Men admit to fantasizing about sex with other women.
- 12) 75 % of Christian Men have feelings they do not share with anyone.
- 13) 35 % of Christian Men have others to hold them accountable for their sexual thoughts and behaviors.

from Steve Hale (Georgia Tech Christian Campus Fellowship), these statistics:

Since 1960:

- The divorce rate has gone up 2 times.
- Teenage suicides have gone up 3 times.
- Violent crimes 4 Times.
- Prison population 5 Times
- Babies out of wedlock 6 Times
- Co-habitation 7 Times
- Depression 10 Times
- 6.6 Million are incarcerated in the nation's correctional system. 1 out of every 32 adults
- 4 in 10 Children go to sleep without a father in a home.
- If that child is a teenager, 1 in 2 go to sleep without a father in the home.
- If a father is not in the home, 25 % of those children see their dad once per week.
- 35% of these children never see their fathers at all.
- 60% of all children born in the 90's grow up in single parent homes.
- 3,000 American children EVERY day see their parents get divorced.
- Death rate for teenagers due to drugs, fell 66 % in the 70's, 80's, and 90's. However, it rose 113% among their parents.
- 70% of America's adolescent murderers and long term prisoners come from fatherless homes.

The Mandate for Men's Ministry

Assume a child comes to know Christ:

Parent(s) attending church		Child's faithfulness as an Adult
Neither parent attends	→	6%
Mom attends	→	15%
Dad attends	→	55%
Both Parents attend	→	72%

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First person to accept Christ		Family following in Salvation
Child	→	3 %
Mother	→	17 %
Father	→	93 %

Pagan sociologists have discovered that in all areas of life, children follow the influence of the mother...Except on religious matters, and then they follow DADDY.

(All information taken from presentation at Stand Firm on April 26, 2003, Danny Singleton, FBC Woodstock, GA)

God's Mandate for Ministry to Men

- A. Who was created first? Is there such a thing as “coincidence” or does everything done by God have a meaning? Why was Adam created before Eve? God is not a god of chaos, but the Author of order. His creation reflects His character – there is order therein.
- B. Who bears the original sin? Genesis 3:3 shows evidence that Adam did not instruct Eve properly. Verse 6, Adam is silent and passive. Verse 12, Adam blames Eve for his failures. Romans 5:12, 18-19 and 1 Corinthians 15:22 tell us that it was Adam who bears and gave to us the original sin.
- C. Who is the head of the family? Ephesians 5:23-24 and 1 Peter 3:1-7 tell us it's the man, even if he is a pagan.
- D. Who is responsible for teaching the children the ways of the Lord? Ephesians 6:4 tells us that it is the fathers who are held responsible for this.
- E. Who is the provider for the family? 1 Timothy 5:8 shows us that a Christian man who doesn't represent Jehovah Jireh is “worse than an infidel!

In each of these areas, God is calling men to imitate Him! The reason we seek to reach men for Christ is not the serious cultural damage that result from godless living by men. Those injuries to society simply underscore God's plan and the consequences of not following the “owner's manual.”

In many ways recorded in scripture, the Lord called and used women and children, contradicting the culture and the law of the day. This is another witness of God's intentional call on the *man* as the leader of the family and church throughout His Word. Calling men to lead is not God simply nodding to culture, it is the Creator communicating His plan.

If God's men in His church do not reach what Patrick Morley calls “the men on the fringe”, if we do not strive to call people to Christ and make disciples of those who answer the call, we are simply disobedient to our Maker, the One we call Lord.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 28:18 that **all** power and authority on heaven and on earth has been given to Him. Based on that position of authority, He commands His joint heirs to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” promising to be with us every step of the way.

Will you answer Him? Will you obey His teaching by teaching others? If you love Him, you will.

In His grip,

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