

Time 2bemen Statistics

WHAT MEN REALY WANT

- Men are looking for relevance.
- Men want to be involved in a cause greater than themselves.
- Men want a shot at greatness.
- Men want to be challenged.
- Men are looking for action.
- Men are looking for leaders and want to be leaders.
- Men are looking to have fun.
- Men are looking for brothers.
- Men are looking for healing.



"I wish to preach, not the doctrine of ignoble ease, but the doctrine of the strenuous life, the life of toil and effort, of labor and strife; to preach that highest form of success which comes, not to the man who desires mere easy peace, but to the man who does not shrink from danger, from hardship, or from bitter toil, and who out of these wins the splendid ultimate triumph."

-Theodore Roosevelt, from his "The Strenuous Life" speech in Chicago, Illinois, on April 10, 1899

THE PORN PROBLEM

- 97 Billion dollar industry
- 72 million visitors to adult web sites per month
- 70 % of men ages 18 to 34 visit porn sites in a typical month
- \$3,075.64 is being spent every second
- 28,258 users are viewing pornography every second
- Every 39 minutes a new porn video is being created in the U.S.
- 20 % of internet porn involves children
- 50 % of divorces say excessive online porn was a factor
- 47 % of families say porn is a factor in their home
- 11 yrs old is the average age of first exposure to porn
- 90 % of children ages 8 to 16 have viewed online porn most while doing homework
- 60-70% of men who attend church have some form of sexual addiction.
- 50-58% of pastors have some form of sexual addiction.
- When pornography becomes addictive: 40 percent of "sex addicts" lose their spouses, 58 percent suffer considerable financial losses, and about 1/3 lose their jobs. (*Center for Cognitive Therapy, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania*)

WHERE ARE THE FATHERS?

More than 24 million (33%) children live in a home without the physical presence of a father. Millions more have dads who are physically present, but emotionally absent. If it were classified as a disease, fatherlessness would be an epidemic worthy of attention as a national emergency. (*National Center for Fathering*)

- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
(5 times the average - US Dept. Of Health/Census)
- 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes
(32 times the average)
- 85% of all children who show behavior disorders come from fatherless homes
(20 times the average - Center for Disease Control)
- 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes.
(14 times the average - Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26)
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
(9 times the average - National Principals Association Report)
- 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes.
(10 times the average.)

- 70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes.
(9 times the average - U.S. Dept. of Justice, Sept. 1988)
- 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes.
(20 times the average - Fulton Co. Georgia, Texas Dept. of Correction)
- 43% of US children live without their father
(US Department of Census)
- 90% of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless home.
(US D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census)
- 80% of rapists motivated with displaced anger come from fatherless homes.
(Criminal Justice & Behaviour, Vol 14, pp. 403-26, 1978)
- 71% of pregnant teenagers lack a father.
(U.S. Department of Health & Human Services press release, Friday, March 26, 1999)
- 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes.
(US D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census)
- 85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes.
(Center for Disease Control)
- 90% of adolescent repeat arsonists live with only their mother.
(Wray Herbert, "Dousing the Kindlers," Psychology Today, January, 1985, p. 28)
- Fatherless boys and girls are: twice as likely to drop out of high school; twice as likely to end up in jail; four times more likely to need help for emotional or behavioral problems.
(US D.H.H.S. news release, March 26, 1999)
- 93% of all people incarcerated are men, and 85% of them have no father figure.
- 50% of children from broken homes have not seen their father in over a year.
- Compared to children born within marriage, children born to cohabiting parents are three times as likely to experience father absence, and children born to unmarried, non-cohabiting parents are four times as likely to live in a father-absent home.
- About 40 percent of children in father-absent homes have not seen their father at all during the past year; 26 percent of absent fathers live in a different state than their children; and 50 percent of children living absent their father have never set foot in their father's home.
- According to 72.2 % of the U.S. population, fatherlessness is the most significant family or social problem facing America.
- (National Center for Fathering, Fathering in America Poll, January, 1999.)
- 57.6% of black children, 31.2% of Hispanic children, and 20.7% of white children are living absent their biological fathers.
- (Family Structure and Children's Living Arrangements 2012. Current Population Report. U.S. Census Bureau July 1, 2012.)

MEN+CHURCH= STRAINED RELATIONSHIP

- The typical U.S. church congregation draws an adult crowd that's 61% female, 39% male. This gender gap shows up in all age categories. On any given Sunday there are 13 million more adult women than men in America's churches. *(This statistic comes from Barna's figures on male/female worship attendance, overlaid upon the Census 2000 numbers for adult men and women in the U.S. population)*
- This Sunday almost 25% of married, churchgoing women will worship without their husbands. *(U.S. Census 2000 numbers for total married adults and overlaying Barna Research's year 2000 percentages of male vs. female attendance at weekly worship services)*
- The figures suggest at least 24.5 million married women attend church on a given weekend, but only 19 million married men attend. That's 5.5 million more women, or 22.5%. The actual number may be even higher, because married people attend church in much greater numbers than singles.
- Over 70% of the boys who are being raised in church will abandon it during their teens and twenties. Many of these boys will never return.
- More than 90% of American men believe in God, and 5 out of 6 call themselves Christians. But only 2 out of 6 attend church on a given Sunday. The average man accepts the reality of Jesus Christ, but fails to see any value in going to church.
- Fewer than 10% of U.S. churches are able to establish or maintain a vibrant men's ministry.

FATHER'S MATTER

- Children with Fathers who are involved are 40% less likely to repeat a grade in school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are 70% less likely to drop out of school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are more likely to get A's in school.
- Children with Fathers who are involved are more likely to enjoy school and engage in extracurricular activities.
- Children with involved, loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior, and avoid high-risk behaviors such as drug use, truancy, and criminal activity compared to children who have uninvolved fathers.
- Studies on parent-child relationships and child well-being show that father love is an important factor in predicting the social, emotional, and cognitive development and functioning of children and young adults.
- Teenagers who feel close to their fathers in adolescence go on to have more satisfactory adult marital relationships.
- Girls who have a strong relationship with their fathers during adolescence showed a lack of psychological distress in adult life.
- According to a Gallup Poll, 90.3 percent of Americans agree that fathers make a unique contribution to their children's lives."

CHURCH: FOR MEN

- Churchgoers are more likely to be married and express a higher level of satisfaction with life. Church involvement is the most important predictor of marital stability and happiness.
- Church involvement moves people out of poverty. Its also correlated with less depression, more self-esteem and greater family and marital happiness.
- Religious participation leads men to become more engaged husbands and fathers.
- Teens with religious fathers are more likely to say they enjoy spending time with dad and that they admire him.

MEN: FOR CHURCH

- A study from Hartford Seminary found that the presence of involved men was statistically correlated with church growth, health, and harmony. Meanwhile, a lack of male participation is strongly associated with congregational decline.
- Church consultant Carl George explains that every trained group leader results in 10 new people in the church. This alone is ample reason to develop a relationship-based ministry to men. (*Theology and Philosophy of Ministry*)

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