



A 40% Fatherless Nation? By Terrence P. Jeffrey - editor-in-chief of CNSnews.com.

“...In 1941 there were 2,515,427 babies born in this country. Of those babies, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 95,700 — or 3.8% — were born to unmarried mothers. The traditional family led by a mother and father was a foundational fact of American culture.

In 1945, the percentage of babies born to unmarried mothers rose to 4.3%. But, by 1946, the first full year after the war, it dropped back down to 3.8%. The traditional family survived.

Then in the 1950s, the percentage of American babies born to unmarried mothers began to slowly tick upward, hitting 5.2% by the end of that decade.

By 1969, as this column has noted in reviewing these numbers before, 10% of American babies were born to unmarried mothers. In 2008, it surpassed 40%.

In 10 of the last 13 years on record (2008 through 2020), it has surpassed 40% — and in the three years that it did not surpass 40%, it never dropped below 39.6%.

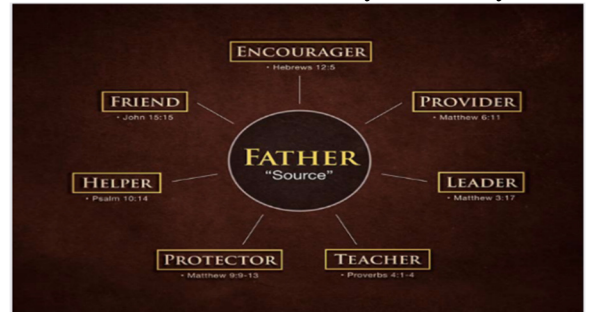
In fact, in the 13 years from 2008 through 2020, there were 51,138,204 babies born in this country, according to the CDC, and 20,642,649 of those babies (or 40.36%) were born to unmarried mothers.

This country is not headed in the right direction. A generation will soon be coming of age in which a large percentage of the population will have been denied a traditional family life....”

My son Joe who trains with me at “The Mission of Hope” sent this to me. I am not sure what adjective to use to describe this as many of us have had firsthand experience with it. One thing for sure, it is not going to get better if it continues like this. What is the answer to this ever-growing problem? The only solution that will stop this trend (which is against God’s plan for His people) starts with our children and what we teach them. Remember, God created the family before any other



institution, even before the church! The Bible has 1,932 direct references to fathers and fatherhood in the Old and New Testaments. Fathers are the most important and necessary thing missing in our society today. The chart from the movie Show Me the Father describes in a small way the role the father plays in the lives of the family. Hard to do if there isn’t a father in the picture to carry out these duties. “The



thief (satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy” John 10:10 steal your future, kill your hope, and destroy your family.

We will continue to provide “On Becoming a father” training and hopefully reduce the statistics about children from weak or absentee fathers. It is not just the men in the jails, prisons, and addiction recovery facilities that this only applies to. It is all around us in every level of society. Every father needs to understand the importance of their fathering role in society.

It is about relationship. A relationship with your earthly father and especially your heavenly father. Fathers, start there!

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