

FATHER'S DAY

Text: Genesis 32 (Jacob – a true father)

Children of Jacob by wife in order of birth (D = Daughter)							
<u>Leah</u>	<u>Reuben</u> (1)	<u>Simeon</u> (2)	<u>Levi</u> (3)	<u>Judah</u> (4)	<u>Issachar</u> (9)	<u>Zebulun</u> (10)	<u>Dinah</u> (D)
<u>Rachel</u>	<u>Joseph</u> (11)	<u>Benjamin</u> (12)					
<u>Bilhah</u> (Rachel's servant)	<u>Dan</u> (5)	<u>Naphtali</u> (6)					
<u>Zilpah</u> (Leah's servant)	<u>Gad</u> (7)	<u>Asher</u> (8)					

- Genesis 28:10 God's promise to Abraham thru Jacob (Jacob's Ladder)
- Exodus 20:12 Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days shall be long which the Lord thy God giveth thee. *First commandment with promise.*
- Gen 2:23,24 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Fathers in the Home

To the Wife

- Gen. 3:16, 22 **Head** of the house and must provide for them.
- Exodus 20:12 Honor thy father and thy mother ...thy days should be long
- Pro. 12:4 **A virtuous** women is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
- Corinthians 7:3, 4, **Due** benevolence
- Eph. 5:23 **Husband** head of the wife; love them

To the Children

- Pro. 19:13,14 **A foolish** son is the calamity of his father...
- Prov. 22:6 **Train** up the children; hear the instructions of a father (Prov. 1:7, 8); receive the words of a good father.
- Ephes. 6:1-4 **And ye** fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them u[in the nurture and admonition of the Lord...
- Col 3:21 ...**Lest** they be discouraged.

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A case in study: What Values Do Fathers have in the Home?

According to a study, the Jewish religion holds one of the highest retention rates of “unbroken” homes in America (89%)...why?

Today there are an estimated 6,000 to 8,000 Jewish inmates in the nation's prisons, according to the Aleph Institute, a Chabad-founded social service organization. Admittedly, out of a total of 1.5 million prisoners, *Jews represent less than 1 percent*. But they are a vulnerable minority. <http://www.jewishsf.com/bk980327/edit.htm>

Other data:

- Of the 1% of Jewish males in prison, 94% of them either had no relationship with their fathers or hated them. Jewish males kiss their sons (often in the mouths) throughout adulthood and state their love for them. Jewish religion has the lowest divorce rate in America (<http://www.divorcereform.org/mel/rreligion.html>)
- When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. —Deut. 24:1
- 50% of first marriages, 67% of second and 74% of third marriages end in divorce, according to Jennifer Baker of the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Missouri.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/01/AR2006060102184.html>

The percentage of black men graduating from college has nearly quadrupled since the passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and yet more black men earn their high school equivalency diplomas in prison each year than graduate from college. Black families where men are in the home earn median incomes that approach those of white families. Yet more than half of the nation's 5.6 million black boys live in fatherless households, 40 percent of which are impoverished. The ranks of professional black men have exploded over four decades -- there were 78,000 black male engineers in 2004, a 33 percent increase in 10 years. And yet 840,000 black men are incarcerated, and the chances of a black boy serving time has nearly tripled in three decades, Justice Department projections show.

That gave way to concerns about drugs and crime and the fraying of the family structure, as 70 percent of black babies were being born to unmarried mothers and incarceration rates soared. A black man is more than six times as likely as a white man to be slain. The trend is most stark among black men 14 to 24 years old: They were implicated in a quarter of the nation's homicides and accounted for 15 percent of the homicide victims in 2002, although they were just 1.2 percent of the population, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Also, black men are nine times as likely as white men to die from AIDS, and life expectancy for black men is 69.2 years -- more than six years shorter than that of white men.

The role of fathers

Immediately after the birth of a child, teenage fathers tend to have higher earnings and work more hours than their non-father counterparts. However, over time, these fathers tend to obtain fewer years of education, work fewer hours, and earn less money than men who did not father children as teenagers. Half of all teenage fathers live with their children at some time during their childhood, but often these periods of co-residence do not last long. Teenage fathers often see their children regularly over the first few years of a child's life, but this pattern decreases with time. Fewer than a quarter of the fathers of children born to teenage mothers see their children weekly, with African-American fathers having higher rates of involvement than those in any other group.

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