

WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT OF YOU AS A CHRISTIAN FATHER?

First things first. Before you can become a good Christian father you must become a Christ following Christian man. However, many of the men reading this will have sinned and had sexual relations with the mother of the baby while not being married. I will assume you have had a conversation with God about the situation, repented, and are now willing to step up and turn the sexual sin into a blessing. At this point we will discuss how to do that.

Christian concepts of being a man.

Scripture tells us what it is to be a man in Gods' eyes. Do you measure up?

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.* "Know and keep Gods commands"

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.* "Self explanatory"

Psalms 1:1-6 *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD.* "Don't hang out with the wrong people"

1 Timothy 5:8 *But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.* "You are responsible for your family's financial security." Your child is a member of your household whether you want to accept it or not.

1 Timothy 6:11 *But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.* "Strive to walk with God daily"

1 Peter 5:5-10 *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ...*"Resist evil and sin wherever it is"

1 Corinthians 15:33 *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* If you are not careful bad company will corrupt you instead of you influencing them.

1 Corinthians 5:11 *Now, what I meant was that you should not associate with people who call themselves brothers or sisters in the Christian faith but live in sexual sin, are greedy, worship false gods, use abusive language, get drunk, or are dishonest. Don't eat with such people.* This is telling us not to associate with hypocritical so called Christians.

2 Corinthians 6:14 *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?* Yes, we can have non-Christian friends, however, in serious matters such as, partnerships, marriage, ect. be sure to partner and associate with like minded Christ followers.

Becoming a strong Christ fearing man is not easy in this day and age where sin is accepted in all types of forms, where culture puts so much pressure on people to do the wrong thing and temptations are surrounding us every day and are pleasing to the eye. When you feel overwhelmed remember 1 Cor. 10:13, *No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

Second; what is your Christian responsibility to your child? You are to;

Train and educate your child; Proverbs 22:6, *Train up a child in the way he (she) should grow.* No matter how young they are start showing them love, accepting the love they offer and teaching them what is right and wrong. Do not allow the government, school, or society to educate them on the ways of the world.

Be a positive Christ like example to your child; Ephesians 5:1 *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.*

Make sure you provide not just Spiritual, emotional, and physical support for your son/daughter but financial support as well. 1 Timothy 5:8, *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

Discipline your children in the ways of the Lord and not in anger, violence, or condemnation. Ephesians 6:4, *Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

Spend time with your son/daughter. Bring them up in the ways of the Lord and how to have good clean fun. Deuteronomy 6:6-9, *These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.*

Don't ever give up on your son/daughter. You show them love under all circumstances but that does not mean you approve of sinful behavior. Remember the story of The Prodigal Son, Luke 15:20-24.

Have compassion as God is compassionate toward us; Psalms 103:13, *As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.*

Remember that children are a blessing and a privilege given to us. Psalms 127:3-5 declares, *"Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!"*

And never stop praying for your son/daughter as stated in, 1 Thessalonians 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.*

Whether or not you marry the mother of your child; it does not remove you from the responsibility of being a Christ following man and father to your son/daughter. Your child

is a gift to you from God and is precious in His sight. It is up to you to take that responsibility seriously and do the best you can to raise your child properly.

EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF ABORTION ON MEN – A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

5 Ways Abortion Negatively Impacts Men

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As a student of Fatherhood Lost I've listened to hundreds of men relate their affective difficulties in adjusting to abortion losses. Men grieve privately. Men need action.

A recently released study of Men's Experience of Elective Abortion by Rue and Coyle found:

- Abortion is not perceived to be a benign experience.
- An expressed need for counseling is not unusual.
- Ambivalent and painful emotions may be experienced after abortion.
- The abortion decision is often deferred to female partners with concomitant repression of man's own emotions. His containment of emotion is viewed as consistent with men's perceived role as one of support.
- Relationships may be stressed by abortion-even leading to an increase in anger.

We know there is pain. We know he wants to overcome. But it's a lonely secret accompanied by repressed feelings. He doesn't think he is supposed to talk about the experience. He has fears and doubts. His capacity is diminished. He is suspicious of judgment by the church and God. He reasons there are few options for healing so he remains silent and his lifestyle may result in two definitive behavior patterns:

The child aborted against the man's will is described in Prov. 13:12a Hope deferred makes the heart sick...

The man who supported, coerced, bullied or in other ways influenced the abortion is described in Prov. 28:17a. The man tormented by the guilt of murder shall be a fugitive all his life...

Over 50 Million fathers have lost children to abortion in the US alone, since 1973. That's the equivalence of the populations of CA, OR, WA, NE, and AZ combined. As the pain increases, he may want to talk. Will you listen?

Both of these types of men have been in my support groups. I have good news. God has given every father who's lost a child by abortion permission to grieve and hope to be blessed and restored! Matt. 5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted!" Jesus made the option of a new identity for all people in His redemptive work on the Cross. He was in the world reconciling us to God.

Here is where we, in the care giving ministry, can shine like bright lights into the darkness of the aftermath of abortion loss. In 2006 several of us who recognized the need for blessing abortion affected fathers began the Men & Abortion Network with the mission to bring awareness and healing to them. On this web site you will find many ministries which have developed healing aids and practical assistance to bless those who are heart sick or living like fugitives from the pain in their lives.

I wrote a training manual "Fatherhood Lost" which can be found on that site which will help each person so inclined to bring blessing to these fathers. Also available is my Bible study: Missing Arrows—which follows a healing track through the Beatitudes can be downloaded for your use.

How do you find these men who are hurting? Get the materials off the web site, study them, pray for God's wisdom and leading and then approach your church leadership about starting a post abortion healing ministry for men. When you advertise the ministry it doesn't have to be complicated or long just these words: Too angry too often? Want to talk? Call _____ for a confidential conversation. Or: Is your secret killing you? Want to talk? Call _____. Or make up your own short message.

Let your church know you are available to help them reach out to this group of men suffering in silence. Not all but some, after a few meetings, will admit they have experienced abortion loss. Get permission to visit some men in jail. Some will have had an abortion experience and an outreach like this can bring healing and freedom, even from behind bars.

In our ministry of reconciliation, we get to remind fathers that they are created in the Image of God—Spirit, Soul, and Body with the identity of being a blessing as a man, a husband, a father and a social steward. No matter what distortions in sexual behavior that abortion has stolen from his identity, God can give it back. With a heart sick or fugitive lifestyle seen through the lens of death, guilt, shame, blame and anger a man moves him away from his identity and call to blessing. The good news is that the loss of your child may have hidden your identity but it doesn't change your identity as a father nor does it change the identity of your child. He/she is not here anymore but you are. You can be healed and bless others not only for yourself but on his/her behalf as well.

There is so much more I could write and have to say about this but you are ready with these words written to get a good start on your care giving to the hurting fathers—the silent and confused who need their identity restored. God will be your helper, and with Him how can you lose?

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