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“Fathers Matter”

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

WHY MEN MATTER - BOTH NOW AND FOREVER

A Look at the Numbers about Men and Men's Ministry

- When a mother comes to Christ, her family will join her at church only 17% of the time; but when a father comes to Christ, his family joins him 93% of the time
- 95% of men say they don't have male friends; less than 1/3 of men in church say they have a friend;
- There are 113,000,000 men in America over the age of 15
- 69,000,000 of these men make no profession of faith in Christ
- 90 million men are not involved in any kind of discipleship. Only 6 million men are involved in discipleship-only 1 out of every 18 men.
- The typical U.S. 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 Sunday almost 25 percent of married, churchgoing women will worship without their husbands.
- Midweek activities often draw 70 to 80 percent female participants.
- The majority of church employees are women (except for ordained clergy, who are overwhelmingly male).
- Over 70 percent 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 percent of American men believe in God, and five out of six call themselves Christians. But only two out of six 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.
- Churches overseas report gender gaps of up to 9 women for every adult man in attendance.
- Christian universities are becoming convents. The typical Christian college in the U.S. enrolls almost 2 women for every 1 man.
- Fewer than 10% of U.S. churches are able to establish or maintain a vibrant men's ministry.
- Fewer than 1% of churchgoing men participate in any sort of ongoing men's ministry program
- As many as 70% of men have actively sought out pornography this year
- 93% of all people incarcerated are and 85% of them have no father figure
- As many Christians will divorce as non-Christians
- 33% of the 72 million children in America will go to bed without their biological in the home
- Fatherless children are five times as likely to live in poverty, repeat a grade and have emotional problems
- 4 out of 5 students in evangelical churches will drop out of church by their senior year in high school
- 95% of men who attend a conference make a life changing decision, 60% get connected to a small group, 25% make a first decision for Christ

For every ten men in the church: 9 will have kids who leave the church, 8 will not find their jobs satisfying, 6 will pay the monthly minimum on their credit cards, 5 will have a major problem with pornography, 4 will get divorced affecting 1,000,000 per year

As many as 90% of the boys who are being raised in church will abandon it by their 20th birthday. Many of these boys will never return.

90 percent of children ages 8 to 16 have been exposed to Internet pornography, most often while doing homework?

At least 70 percent of Christian men and 20 percent of women struggle with Internet pornography? - Christianity Today, Today's Christian Woman, "Pornified" by Pamela Paul

75% of volunteers are women (one mainline pastor said it was 99% in his church)

The average ratio of men to women in Christian colleges is about 1 male to every 3 females

Only about 10% of churches have a men's ministry.

Women are: • 100% more likely to be involved in discipleship, • 57% more likely to hold a leadership position in the church, • 54% more likely to participate in a small group, • 39% more likely to have a regular devotional time, • 33% more likely to volunteer, • 29% more likely to attend church, • 29% more likely to read their Bible

• 29% more likely to share their faith, • 16% more likely to pray. Above from:

<http://www.wacmm.org/Stats.html>

Mother and Father attend church regularly: http://www.whale.to/b/importance_of_fathers.html

33% of their children will end up attending church regularly, 25% of their children will end up not attending at all

Mother attends church regularly. Father does not attend church at all:

2% of their children will end up attending church regularly, 60% of their children will end up not attending at all

Father attends church regularly. Mother does not attend church at all:

44% of their children will end up attending church regularly, 34% of their children will end up not attending at all

THE MEN'S THESAURUS

<http://gbcdecatur.org/sermons/FewGoodMen.html>

(men don't always say what they mean) – ladies, please allow me to translate for your future benefit:

When a man says **"IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN"** He means: "I have no idea how it works"

When a man says **"TAKE A BREAK, HONEY. YOU ARE WORKING TOO HARD"** He means: "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner"

When a man says **'THAT'S INTERESTING DEAR.'** He means: "Are you still talking?"

When a man says: **"IT'S A GUY THING"** He means: "There is no rational thought pattern connected with this, and you have no chance at all of making it logical"

When a man says **"CAN I HELP WITH DINNER"** He means: "Why isn't it ready yet?"

When a man says **"UH HUH, SURE HONEY,"** or **"YES, DEAR"** He means: Absolutely nothing – It's a conditioned response.

When a man says **"YOU KNOW HOW BAD MY MEMORY IS."** He means: "I can remember the theme song to 'Hogan's Heroes', the phone # of the first girl I ever kissed & the vehicle identification numbers of every car I ever owned – but yes, I forgot your birthday"

When a man says **'OH, DON'T FUSS, I JUST CUT MYSELF. IT'S NO BIG DEAL"** He means: "I have probably severed a limb, but I will bleed to death before I admit I'm hurt, so get over here and help me!"

When a man says **'I CAN'T FIND IT.'** He means: "It didn't fall into my outstretched hand, so I'm completely clueless"

When a man says **"I HEARD YOU."** He means: "I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said and I am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough so that you'll not spend the next 3 days yelling at me."

When a man says **"YOU KNOW I COULD NEVER LOVE ANYONE ELSE"** He means: "I am used to the way you yell at me and realize it could be worse."

When a man says **"YOU LOOK TERRIFIC!"** He means: "Oh please don't try on one more outfit, we're late and I'm starving."

When a man says **"I'M NOT LOST. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE."** He means: "No one will ever see us alive again."

When a man says **"I don't think I can go today."** He means: Shopping is NOT a sport, and no, I am never going to think of it that way.

When a man says, **"I don't remember saying that."** It's because he means: "Anything I may have said 6 months ago is inadmissible in an argument. In fact, all past comments become null and void after 7 days."

When a man says, **"that's not what I meant."** He means: "If something I said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, I meant the other one."

If your husband says, **"honey, what color is this?"** He means: ALL men see in only 16 colors, like Windows default settings. Peach, for example, is a fruit, not a color. Pumpkin is also a fruit. I have no idea what "taupe" is.

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