

TEXT: 2 Corinthians 10:5

**TITLE: "Demolishing Cultural Lies with Biblical Truth"
(part 5—Fathers)**

* Biblical Truth demolishes the lie that fathers are not necessary.

INTRO:

The backdrop of truth is God's Perfect Plan: a Man and a Woman get married in love, from their love, in God's time, children are born. The parents, both father and mother, teach the children the Gospel, the Word of God and to know and love God. The mother is essential and so is the father!

But, this subtle cultural lie says, "Fathers are NOT necessary." How did we get to this as a culture?

We have examined lies concerning marriage. Now I would like to deal with a lie concerning fathers.

Lie # 1—Fathers Are Not Necessary

→ (Of course, we are not speaking of conception, as they are absolutely necessary. We are speaking of the necessity of fathers being in the home for the support and rearing of the children.)

*** Meaning of the Lie**

This lie is very subtle. I don't think we find the words on a billboard; it's the quiet detrimental ideas that are lived out that express this lie.

In order to understand this lie, I think we need to understand something of the Cultural Sexual Revolution:

One aspect of the Feminist Movement—Women trying to free themselves of the consequences of sexual activity. The thinking moved from → legitimate family planning → birth control → abortion. In essence the Radical Feminist Movement says, "You have total control over your body. So, if you want to be promiscuous, have at it. If you make a "mistake" = (unwanted pregnancy), no problem, you can have an abortion. You are free!"

Government "Assistance" says, "If you give birth, public assistance will help pay the bills for you and the baby." No father figure needed here and the government rewards promiscuous behavior and penalizes marriage, rewarding the father.

Concerning Marriage and Divorce, we went from marriage being essential to society and very difficult to end to "No Fault Divorce." Look at the ads for cheap divorce--\$299 or so and you can be done. What did this do for irresponsible mothers and fathers? It gave them a cheap way out. Parents tell children, "Mom and Dad are splitting up, but this only affects us and not you!" For a husband, now a father, whose unfaithfulness was the cause of the divorce, he had an easy way out. "This only affects me, kids, and not you." Dad not needed here.

"Sexual Freedom" for men went against sexual intimacy in the bonds of marriage and tells men, "You deserve whatever fantasy and pleasure that is available to you—pornography, x-rated movies, internet, multiple partners and even prostitution. Forget about being faithful to one woman, your wife. Forget about being a father and having children—just have fun. This is 2022 and you have sexual freedom!" Fatherhood is not necessary here.

So, this lie is promoted and supported in various ways in our culture.

*** Power of God's Truth: Fathers are necessary in the home!**

→ **Why are Fathers Necessary in the Home?**

1. To Bring Forth Children

- Note Well: Genesis 1:27—God made male and female
- Note Well: Genesis 1:28—God commanded, "Be Fruitful and multiply" First command in the Bible!
- Note Well: Genesis 1:31—"Good"
- * Now, let's go to the Law of First Mention concerning Fathers.
- Genesis 4:1, 25

A. In the Legal Context of Marriage
→ "Adam knew Eve his wife"

B. With the Woman's Cooperation of Motherhood
→ "she conceived"

C. By the D_____ Conception of the Miraculous
→ "from the LORD"

*** Husband + Wife + God = Conception

2. To Propagate a F_____ Line
→ Genesis 5:1-4

A. Families are the B_____ Blocks of Society

B. Destroying the Family Destroys the F_____

1. No Mother—devastation to society and civilization
2. No Father—staggering negative consequences
3. No Children—no future

→ APPLICATION: Greatest asset of a society is the people—
got to have families: fathers, mothers and babies!

3. To Instruct the N_____ Generation in Wisdom

→ Proverbs 1:1-4, 8

A. Fathers Must Impart W_____

B. Sons/Daughters Need to L_____

→ Note Well: Formula in the Book of Proverbs, "My Son"
→ See: 1:8, 10, 15; 2:1; 3:1, 11; 4:1, 10, 20 & 10:1

4. To Recognize Children are G_____ from God!

→ Psalm 127:3

A. Children Are a Heritage from the Lord—127:3a

1. Not an Interruption

2. Not an Expense

3. Not a Detriment

4. Not a Mistake!!

B. Children Are a R_____—127:3b

C. Children Are W_____—127:4

D. Children Are D_____—127:5

5. To Pursue God with the W_____ Heart!

→ Psalm 128:1-4

A. Fathers Must F_____ God—128:1a

B. Fathers Must W_____ in the Word—128:1b

C. Fathers Must Walk in I_____
→ Proverbs 20:7

APPLICATIONS:

1. *Our Culture lies to us! We need to be watchful, listening and discerning.*
2. *We must bring every thought into obedience to Christ!*
3. *We need the Word of God every day! To Read it, to know it, to apply it!*
4. *Fathers are needed in the home!*
5. *God is the perfect Father. Do you know Him? We can't live without Him! We need a relationship through Jesus!*