

A Specific Target for Men's Training: Unwed Fathers— The Glaring Gap in Pro-life Work

As grievous and horrendous as the practice of abortion has been and still is in this country, pro-life people are making a difference with prayer vigils, sidewalk counseling, crisis pregnancy centers, sonogram machines, thrift shops, evangelism, Bible and mothering classes. However, one link in the human chain of the death machine goes unaddressed: the young men who father unwanted children and who often pressure for their slaughter.

It is very likely that these young men will not be changed by women at the pregnancy center telling them what they should do. If they are to be reached and transformed it will most likely be by men who are fathers initiating to them, building relationships and ministries designed to restore these young men to manhood, sexual responsibility, and fatherhood.

The spiritual warfare this will entail is great. Humanly speaking, I have no hope that such a thing could happen, but our God is great. Please join with me in asking God to do what we cannot do. Time is running out for many people and many families. If the hearts of fathers and children are not turned, all that remains is a curse of destruction (Mal. 4:6).

For whom should I pray?

Compose a list of 50 men (or 25 if that is better for you)—men in your family, in your church including pastor, elders, lay men, fathers and sons, missions leaders, men in government and the military, business and society.

This year pray especially for model men to be raised up and for mentoring men who will build organizations designed to train manly men in truth and godly action. Especially remember the many unwed fathers in our land.

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