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1 Timothy 3:1-7 talks about the qualifications of a pastor.
But, even for a pastor, everything starts at home (3:4-5).

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- Foundational
- From a new convert to a seasoned believer
- A growing Christian
- A disciple-maker (e.g. Ac 16:31-34)

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THE FATHER ABSENCE CRISIS IN AMERICA

There is a crisis in America. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 18.4 million children, 1 in 4, live without a biological, step, or adoptive father in the home. Consequently, there is a “father factor” in nearly all of the societal ills facing America today. Research shows when a child is raised in a father-absent home, he or she is affected in the following ways...

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2021). Living arrangements of children under 18 years old: 1960 to present. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Census Bureau.



POVERTY

**4X GREATER
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POVERTY**

BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS



**MORE LIKELY
TO HAVE
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MOM-CHILD HEALTH

TEEN PREGNANCY

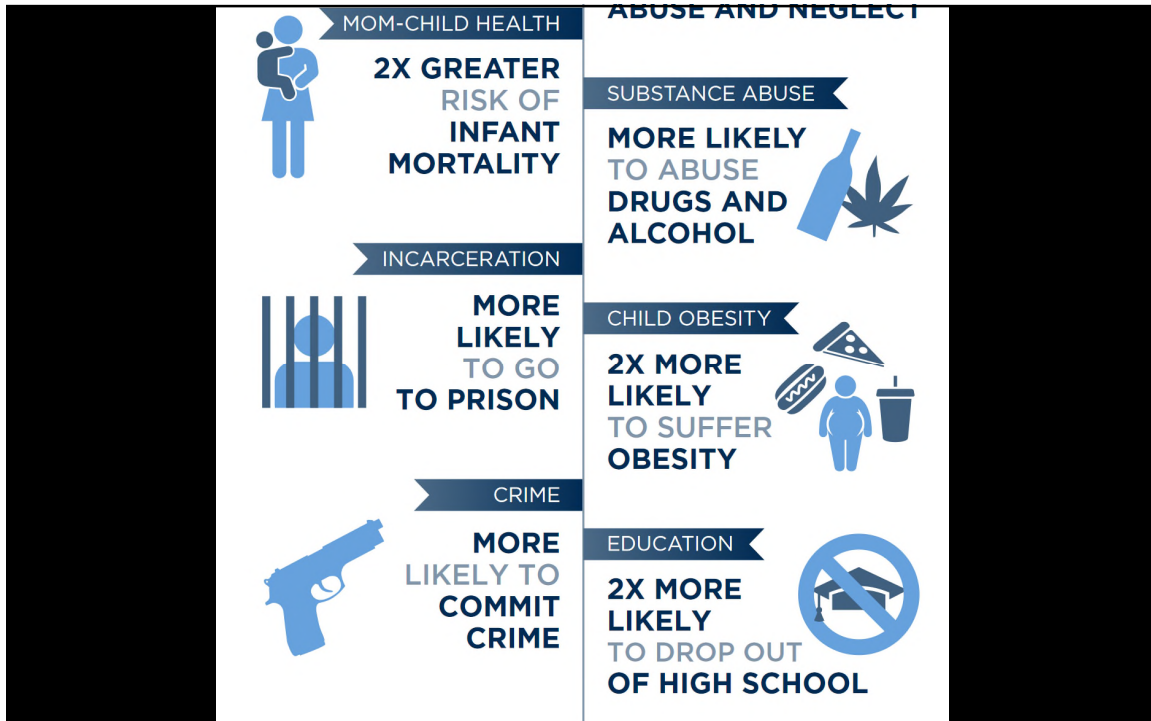
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- Take leadership to protect his marriage (Matthew 19:4-6; cf. Gen 2:24-25; Ephesians 5:23)

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4. Teach the truth of God (3:2)

- Explaining + instilling Bible truth
- Capture his child's mind to the obedience of Christ (2Cor 10:5)
- Be a student of God's Word

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- "to manage" = to influence others in order to cause them to follow a recommended course of action
- "under control" = to submit to your directives
≠ controlling
- Through relationship & influence
- **Protect that relationship!**
- Time is limited.

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Whatever you expect to see in your pastor
is what your child wants to see in you.

**** Be Christ's undershepherd for your family**