

ORIGINAL MANDATE

Genesis 1:28 (NKJV) ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it...."

MULTIPLY

Matthew 13:23 ²³ But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

BEGINS IN THE HEART

Malachi 4:5–6 (NKJV) ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶ And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

CURSED LAND?

ABSENT FATHERS: More likely

- 4X to live in poverty
- 10X to abuse chemical substances
- 2X to commit suicide
- 9X to drop out of school
- 11X to have violent behaviour

THE FATHER'S HOUSE

1 Corinthians 4:15–16 (NKJV) ¹⁵ For though you might have **ten thousand instructors in Christ**, yet **you do not have many fathers**; for in Christ Jesus **I have begotten you** through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I urge you, **imitate me.**

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- 1. Heart turned to children
- 2. Desire to see children go beyond self
- 3. Show the way
- 4. Heart to heart connection

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 - Spend time
 - Listen
 - Be there for them
 - Believe in them
 - Respect them

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5. Good Shepherd
John 10:11–13 (NKJV) ¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd **gives His life for the sheep.** ¹² But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and **the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them**.

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13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep.

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