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Family Foundations

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Percentage of children living with their biological mother and father
(Traditional nuclear family)

- 1960: 73%
- Today: 46%
- A decrease of 37%.

Percentage of children being raised in a single-parent home

- 1960: 14%
- Today: 34%
- An increase of 142%

Percentage of unmarried parents cohabitating

- 1960: 0.2%
- Today: 35%
- An increase of 17,400%

Today in Texas

- 40% of babies are born to single mothers.
- In 2012, 89% of the biological fathers said they intended to marry the mother. On the child's first birthday only 8% were married.

▣▣ *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. ▣▣*

—Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV)

▣▣ *While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am*

coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. ▀▀

—John 17:12-19 (ESV)

The Main Thing: The two greatest gifts parents can give their children are roots and wings.

ROOTS: We must create a warm, safe and happy home.

- Giving affirmations.
- Having fun!
- Observing rituals or traditions.

WINGS: We must empower our kids to fly when it is time to leave the nest.

- EMPOWER: My teaching becomes your doing.
- Be a role-model.
- Look for teachable moments.
- If they can do it and should do it, let them do it.
- Listen to them.
- When tempted to tell, ask!