

## Why are fathers important?

Why are fathers important? Is a question that has raised many eyebrows and has been asked many years, and is still being asked today even as I type. Living today in America almost fifty percent of boys are being raised without fathers, and almost the same applies to girls. Growing up without a father changes a lot for some, and may be the cause of why some children grow up with behavioral and psychological problems. While others grow up just as sufficiently as they would with or without a father. In this year statistics for single parents have increased, leaving just the mother and children. And with that said many children grow up saying "I hate my father" or something like they could care less about their father. Well it's time to show the world just how important fathers really are, just how their simple presence just changes so much. Fathers are important because, they leave an impact on growing boys and girls and have even left an impact on me.

Fathers are important to everyone, but they leave a powerful impact on boys. Boys need their fathers guidance, their fathers speeches on things one should and one shouldn't do, their love and compassion that only a father can give, and boys ultimately boys need their fathers there to teach them how to be a man. Of course many people say that a mother can do everything a father can, but when it comes to boys, a mother just can't play that father role, as a man should. Statistics show that boys without a father figure in their life are more likely to grow up with more behavioral problems, compared to children that do have a father figure in their life. Boys need that fatherly attention, that will take them out fishing on Sundays, or go to a ball game on Saturday, or will play sports in the backyard just to make their son happy. Fathers play an important role in a boy's life, studies show eighty percent of young gang members come out of fatherless homes. But if a father had been present maybe many of the boys involved in gangs, would never have went down that path. Without a father's guidance and presence, boys are at stake of becoming more rebellious and wild, then they would be if a father figure had been present.

As a girl statistics show girls mature faster than boys, however when a father figure is not present, girls are less likely to show their maturity. Father figures are just as important to girls as they are to boys, maybe even more important, but that's just an opinion. For a girl, they need fathers to guide them, to accept them, and to care about them. When this is absent girls will seek male attention and many will often do anything to get it. Girls need their father's love and affection, and especially their father's guidance. Studies show that girls raised by only their mother are sexually active two-three years earlier than other girls. And sixty-four percent of girls are more likely to have pre- marital sex when there is no father figure present. Statistics are pretty high on girls, when it comes to no father figure, when in fact most girls only want to be loved, and just have someone around that they can call dad.

Growing up my real father wasn't apart of my life; but I had a father figure in my life, and that was my step dad. He was in my life from the time I was two years of age til the time I was eleven. He was like the father I never had. He would always keep me in line, he always made sure that I was doing good in school, he always made time for family time, and he was always there to guide me when i needed him most. he was a excellent example of a good father. He helped me become the young woman that I am today, because of him I am very polite he taught me how to be a lady and it has made all the difference. He was really important in my life, and that is a great example of why I think fathers are important.

Father's are important to all types of the human race, whether it's babies, little boys and girls, teenagers like myself, or even grown adults who still go talk to their fathers. A father's role is important, and their job as fathers is just as important. Every aspect of a dad is important, no matter what a man does as a father, that impression will always stick with that child whether good or bad. It's time for fathers to step up, and be that dad that they should be, because it's time to show the world exactly how important fathers actually are. And its time to show how much of an impact a father actually leaves. So now ask yourself, why do you think fathers are important?

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