



Building Shatterproof Children  
Hebrews 11:23-27  
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#### Introduction:

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, roughly 800,000 children are reported missing each year in the United States – that’s about 2,000 per day. Of those, there are 115 “child-stranger abduction” cases each year, which means the child, was taken by an unknown person.

#### America’s children are breaking into pieces:

- 34% of American families eat one meal together each day.
- The average father spends eight to ten minutes a day with his children.
- 60% of today’s children are raised in American Day Care.
- 100,000 of American children are in prisons.
- 48% of children live in a dysfunctional, broken home.
- 11% of all children age seven to eleven have already received psychiatric help.
- The average age of smoking among children begins at 10.
- On average, teenagers in America have sex for the first time at about age 17 but are not marrying until their mid-20’s.

#### Four Reasons Why America’s Children Are Missing:

##### I. Liberalism in the Church

*John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.*

Having your kids in church on a regular basis doesn’t guarantee that you’ll never face crisis problems. However, having them involved in church on a regular basis and especially having them involved in our Children and Student Ministry certainly helps. Why would any sane parent not take advantage of the Student Ministry at Clements Baptist Church? For a parent to have Caleb and Kayla Gooch as Student leaders for their kids and not take advantage of it; that parent will give an account to God for their negligence. Likewise, there is no better Pre-School and Children’s Leader in any church than Mandy Marbutt. Our Preschool, Children, and AWANA teachers in this church are simply awesome; but many of our folks wouldn’t know it because they never lead their child to be involved. Again, God will judge a parent for such negligence.

##### II. Humanism in the Public School System

**Definition of Humanism:** An outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human, rather than divine or supernatural, matters. Humanist beliefs stress the potential value and goodness of human beings and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems.

**Synonym for Humanism:** Atheism

### **Humanism Concerning Family:**

Any two people (male or female) or a group of people wishing to make a commitment to one another over time and share resources, responsibilities, goals, and values should be considered family. Also, marriage should not be a requirement for family. No law should regulate or require a woman to bear unwanted children. Children have a right to be wanted, and if a mother doesn't want a child, she should have the right to have an abortion.

### **III. Absenteeism In The Home**

Ten ways to love your kids:

1. Establish boundaries in their lives.
2. Enjoy them.
3. Expose our humanness to them.
4. Explain the reasons behind our decisions.
5. Exchange ideas with them.
6. Encourage them.

**Gary Smalley:**

**“Any criticism you give your children ought to be like a thin slice of meat in a sandwich encompassed by thick slices of bread that represent praise and encouragement.”**

**Steve Farrar:**

**“If God blesses you with children, you'll be taking part in one of the most significant accomplishments a man can enjoy. Some guys head their own corporations by age thirty-five. Big deal! Some guys win five gold medals at the Olympics. Big deal! Some guys climb Mt. Everest. Big deal! Some guys swim the length of the Pacific underwater without taking a breath. Big deal! In my opinion, none of those exploits come close to the man who has learned to change a dirty poopy diaper without throwing up. That's what I call a big deal! Especially when you can do it without an oxygen mask.”**

7. Encourage their dreams.
8. Express physically what we feel in our hearts.
9. Examine our own lives regularly.
10. Exercise great patience with them.

### **IV. Materialism in the home.**

***Hebrews 11:24-25 (NKJV) By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.***