

## NONCUSTODIAL

This word is possibly very foreign to you and most people who have not endured a divorce or state-directed loss of their children; but a “non-custodial” parent is one whom I believe has lost their right to be parent in the true sense. Let me explain.



A non-custodial is one who does not have the legal right to communicate, have contact, or otherwise associate except under the terms and conditions of the state, and at the discretion of the custodial parent or authority over the children. In a simple example, the probable father in the illustration above could no longer see his presumed daughter at the front steps of the likely home; instead, he would have to abide by the conditions sanctioned by the state and executed by the custodial parent or other authority over the children. If the terms and conditions are violated, or he attempts to contact his daughter beyond that sanctioned by the state, he risks the chance of further restrictions or even loss of the privilege still granted him as a so-called father.

If the father is *worth his salt*, the responsibility that he assumed for his child (or children) will be an overriding reason to remain steadfast through such an ordeal or period in their lives. This responsibility must endure the lean years in order to *be ready* for the later years when both the children and father are free from the regulation of the state and other authorities. Though this season can be very disheartening and painful, they (father or mother) must *stay the course* for the opportunity and privilege that will potentially emerge. But how does he keep such on such a course; how does wait patiently and be ready for a time or period when such restrictions in his parenting will be gone?

Even in such an ordeal as the loss of one’s children, there is hope found in God. It was God who created the family and who established a model by which a parent or guardian would assume responsibility, who love and care for children. Christ himself described the children in such a loving way as precious way; he saw in children the disposition (sincerity, honesty, innocence) that was needed in the life of servant or Christian. Please help me to trust in Christ alone.

In a **WORD**