What Every Woman Should Know About Men

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The Word of The Lord comes unto those who have picked up this book...those who are disheartened, disillusioned and depressed. Those who are struggling with their masculinity...and to those who are struggling to reach maturity. The Lord brings the Word of Life unto thee, and He comes with healing in His wings to bring you to a place of wholeness in Him. For the Word of the Lord comes unto me saying: “You’re in a state where you have become perplexed and disturbed while looking at the staggering circumstances round about thee, but I deliver thee out of them all! Look unto Me and not to your circumstances, and then you will begin to find that I give you peace beyond your understanding. Look deep, deep down in your spirit where the rivers of life do flow,” saith the Lord, “and you will find that I am stirring the waters and calming the storm.”

“Those of you that have been born of Me will find that living water is ready to flow forth. Why are you cast down, and why are you disturbed? Command your soul to be lifted up and command your soul to bless Me! Even this day the clouds of depression and failure are dispersed, and the Son of Righteousness is shining upon thee!

“I’m causing the rain of My glory to come forth in degrees and in ways that you have never known and have never seen before! This will be the time and the day where you will experience the move of My Spirit, and you will sense My Presence in the midst of calamities and complex situations.

As turmoil visits this nation, and the economic base is shaken, there will be a remnant of people that will hear My Voice and understand My ways in degrees and in means like you have never seen and like you’ve never heard.
"Oh, you thought you've seen the days of banks merging. But oh, no, no, no, no, no! That's nothing compared to what you're about to see! For your economy shall be shaken; tossed to the left and thrown to the right.

"Men will wake up each morning not knowing what the day's beginning and ending will be, but you'll begin to find that in this season, those that know the Voice of My Spirit will know how to move accordingly. They'll know how to walk in the Light as I am in the Light, and darkness shall not come nigh them.

"For this will be the time that I'll bring resurrection in thy midst. Out of the ashes of disappointment, and out of the murkiness of fear, My strength shall emerge and you shall rise in the face of the enemy of your soul. I dress thee in the garb of the eagle...I place his wings upon thy back. Open thine eyes and see past thine oppression into the face of My glory! Give your back to the smiters, for I am thy rearguard, and I have thee covered! Soar, O gifted one, soar! For I bear thee up and cause thee to triumph again and again!"

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Chapter 1
MAN: THE CREATION OF GOD

“What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?” Psalm 8:4

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”
Genesis 1:27

The creation of God is vast, and culminated in His ultimate creation, man. After God created man, He rested. Man is a wonder in the earth; multi-dimensional, and infused with the ability of the Divine to take dominion over his habitation. All this—created from the dust of the earth—the life of God permeated throughout his entire being. Man: made in the image and likeness of God. And yet, the complexities of the development of man in the fullness of his potential are numerous. Women who seek mar-
riage should know what they are seeking for, and men who seek marriage should comprehend that for which they are striving.

Manhood is an office that must be entered through the courses of the governmental ordering of life. There are five stages of progression to this order: malehood, boyhood, manhood, husbandhood, and fatherhood. Each stage has a distinct mindset that is demonstrated in its actions and activities. Each stage brings a different set of responsibilities, trials and rewards.

The male is the first stage. He is simply a person with a fertilizing instrument and ignorant of its use. He is totally unaware of his surroundings, and only looks to have his basic needs of food, clothing and attention met. This stage quickly advances to the next state of boyhood. A boy is a person who has entered the state of self-discovery. Through the process of discipline, correction and growth, he emerges into the office of manhood. A man knows where he is going; he has a purpose in life. He has mastered the rule of his own life, and is now ready to assume the governmental responsibilities of someone else’s life.

Once married, he becomes a husband. A husband begins to cover the life of his wife. When he advances to a father, he begins to deal with the future of his offspring. Fatherhood is the ultimate stage; for it is the epitome of the essence of manhood. At

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this stage, ideally, the likeness of God is in full bloom; he is taking dominion over his acquired territory, and cultivating the earth for seedtime and harvest. He is providing for his family, and becoming a covering for them from the elements of life. He is planning for their future, and is prepared against the day of evil. His family trusts in his wisdom and ability to manage their affairs. He has built a legacy that his children and children’s children will embrace. His honor is trumpeted upon the lips of all who come in contact with him. His name has been made great in the earth. This is the epitome, and the goal for which every man is to strive.

Each stage of development, with its corresponding mindset, is good in its season. Out of season, the individual becomes dysfunctional. A man in the physical manifestation of manhood acting like a boy is a travesty, yet this happens because a developmental link was never formed in his psychological make-up. He’s physically capable of creating life; but mentally, he’s in a state of retardation.

KNOW YOUR “MAN”

It is crucial to understand the stage a person is in. Women, especially, need to know what stage a man is in when she meets him. She must discern his season so she can determine whether he is

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a man or a boy. When she fails to rightly discern his season, she is apt to make the disappointing decision to marry a “boy,” rather than a man. Often, she is ignorant of the difference between the two, and the knowledge of her error brings a bitter lesson that becomes a horrific reality within the first six months of marriage.

Some women have an innate knowledge that they’re dealing with a boy, yet choose to ignore the signs. They will trumpet to everyone the truth of what they’ve found—“I’d like you to meet my boyfriend.” Ladies, seriously.....if he were a man, would he be a “boyfriend?”

Women, marriage is a huge leap into destiny. If both parties don’t have the strength for the leap, don’t jump!! You’ll crash!! Ladies, if you are considering marriage to a man, then you need to know if he is marriage material. Ask yourself some key questions before you say “I do.” (These are keys that will unlock foolishness!!)

Will he hold his seed? Remember, there is a difference between “can” and “will.” “Can” is his intrinsic ability. “Will” determines his actions. Every male can — has the ability to — hold his seed. But, will he? Or is he expecting to bed you before he weds you? Are his hands setting fires that burn through the night? Is he whispering promises of forbidden delights? Or does he respect you and encourage you to be a woman of honor? A
man will hold his seed. In fact, a man will expect his woman to keep her garden enclosed until he has fully paid the price of her redemption. A man will never stoop to the level of a thief and rob you of your prestige, but rather, he will shelter you with his.

Is this person looking for a wife or a girlfriend? A wife or a woman? A wife that he can support, or a partner that can pay his bills? How does he define his purpose? How does he view yours? Is he dysfunctional?

THE DYSFUNCTIONAL “MAN:” FROM FAME TO SHAME

A bone out of joint causes great pain. In applying the prescribed treatment to remedy this condition, a doctor will usually be forced to break the bone in order to set it back into place, or into its divine order. The breaking process causes the pain of relocation to become more intense than the pain of dislocation. In other words, the doctor seems to add insult to injury. Yet it is precisely the breaking that will stimulate the healing.

A dysfunctional man is similar to a bone that is grossly twisted out of joint. He causes pain to himself and everyone with whom he comes in contact. When Jesus, as the Great Physician, begins to prescribe healing for his pain, a great breaking takes

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place. Everything that the dysfunctional man thought he knew will be subject to the scrutiny of the eyes of the Lord. That man will find out that he doesn’t know one iota of what he thought he knew. God has a way of orchestrating the situations in one’s life to remove all the props and icons that solicited a false form of worship, and bring about a breaking process that will cause a man to fall on his knees—yielded to the hand of the Master. If a man can endure the breaking, he will be whole.

At one point in his life, David was the leader of a group of dysfunctional men, but through the workings of God in their lives, they all became mighty men. Most people remember David as a “boy” hero. As a teenager, he boldly killed Goliath, cut off the giant’s head, and proved that “The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear; he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.” (I Samuel 17:37) David’s exploits in his youth labeled him as a mighty man in Israel. But there was a season in David’s life where the favor he experienced in his youth ceased, and Saul, his king, began to threaten his life. David was forced to run in order to survive.

“David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father’s house heard it, they went down thither to him.”

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A DYSFUNCTIONAL MAN IS SIMILAR TO A BONE THAT IS GROSSLY TWISTED OUT OF JOINT.

And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men."
1 Samuel 22:1-2

David is experiencing a traumatic emotional upheaval at this stage of his life. He has moved from glory and fame to the darkness of shame: he has been forced to move into a cave. The cave represents underground chambers within the earth that do not receive natural illumination. "Cave," as a verb, also means "to yield under pressure." When someone says something has "caved in," it means the thing has collapsed.

In Scripture, oftentimes the cave represented a turning point for God's people. For some, the cave had dismal meaning; it was a burial place for the dead. Machpelah's cave was a burial place for Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Leah (Gen. 23:9-20; 49:30; 50:13). Lazarus' tomb was actually a cave at Bethany (John 11:38).

Other caves, like Machpelah, were sought voluntarily in panic and fear as a temporary refuge for has-been heroes who succumbed to the pressure of opposition. Instead of the land of Zoar

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that he feared, Lot chose to retreat to a cave to utilize as a dwelling place for he and his daughters after the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19:30). While running for his life, the prophet Elijah fled to a cave in Mount Horeb seeking a temporary place of protection after Jezebel threatened to kill him. (1 Kin. 19:1-18).

David was running when he moved into the cave of Adullam. He was attempting to take flight from something that was unpleasant. It’s like the scapegoat child in a dysfunctional family who tries to escape their frustration and pain by not wanting to deal with reality. Many comedians and entertainers seek caves of their own making to hide from the harshness of reality. Everyone that is laughing is not happy. There are those that smile with subtle guile, masking pain with great disdain. Sometimes the world’s best actors and comedians are the very people who have had some of the worst childhoods, or who have had to overcome some unusually painful conditions that damaged their psyche in a place that only the Hand of God can reach. They make a lot of people laugh — but their insides are constantly gnawed by a pain that is unquenchable by all but Almighty God. Their heart is flooded by unseen tears hidden by their fears. And laughter is their way of escaping their reality.

David was running into the cave. He was running into the place of his distress. “Cave” also means “to field in response to
physical stress.” Success is married to stress. Rarely do they appear separately. You must go through something before you can obtain anything. Jesus had to experience Gethsemane and Golgotha before He could see us saved! He literally went through hell for us! So what do you think will happen to you? No pain, no gain!!! You will have to pass through some unchartered waters before you can obtain the blessing.

David was joined by over 400 men in the cave. According to the standards of society that would judge their status, they were all dysfunctional.

“And every one that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.”
1 Samuel 22:2

“Distress,” according to Webster’s dictionary, actually means “suffering misfortune, state of danger, or having a great need.” It is also defined as “mental or physical anguish, or a person that is filled with stress, uneasy, upset, worry, greed, hurt or strain.” “Distress” can also refer to an environment; it means “a narrow place, i.e. (abstractly and figuratively) confinement or disability.”

The men were also discontent. “Discontent” means “the state of uneasiness in mind, dissatisfied.” A discontented person is filled with the bitter bile of defeated dreams. Disappointment has made a visitation to their lives. The men that surrounded David were men who had encountered the storms and trials of life and emerged wounded, crippled and dysfunctional. They were “stressed out.”

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The peculiar thing about God is that when He anoints an individual as a leader, He sends those that are appointed to follow who are incomplete and unfulfilled. They seem to be plagued with insecurity, and believe themselves to be discontent, in debt and in great distress. The edible seeds of wisdom that are in the leader’s life are to be fed to the followers so that they may take them up, chew them up and digest them in their minds. David was able to take this group of men and transform them into mighty men. In the process, he helped to nurture them through the five transitional stages of life, bringing them into wholeness and maturation.

“Distress” also means “sin.” “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.” (Matthew 6:12) Debt is defined as “something owed or a state of owing money; a liability, or an obligation.” There are three major things that debt will do:

1. Debt will break your focus. The pressure of debt will command your immediate attention. It becomes as a huge monster that will loom threateningly before your eyes, and block your vision from anything else...for debt demands to be paid. Debt becomes an all-consuming force of distraction. If debt presents its demand, and provision is not present to answer, the resulting emotions of fear and anxiety will reverberate in the debtor’s mind with demonic intensity.

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2. Debt will block your progress. You cannot do anything if you don’t have any money. You can’t mobilize your dreams because you are financially impotent...you lack power. You will be forced to a total standstill, as the voice of debt places a mantle of pressure upon your shoulders. Debt has a way of influencing every decision and move that you make, for it carries an innate authority that cannot be denied. Debt will strip the power of buying and cause you to forfeit the power of exchange. Your character is determined by the way you respond to the commanding presence of debt. If debt is managed correctly, your strength of character and integrity will be in evidence. If the voice of debt is ignored, it will reveal your irresponsibility and immaturity.

3. Debt will cause frustration. Some people think money corrupts because they think “money is the root of all evil.” 1 Timothy 6:10 tells us “The LOVE of money is the root of all evil.” Possession of money in itself is not evil; if it was, God would not have promised prosperity as a covenant blessing. Money only magnifies what you already are. One brother defines “borrowing” as “stripping your future to enhance your present.” The presence of unresolved debt can thrust you into a long-lasting cycle of frustration through the apparition of unfulfillment.

“And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right
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hand or to the left." Numbers 22:26

David’s men were in debt. God loves taking lives that are messed up, mixed up, and jumbled up to proclaim “Guess what? I’m going to make something out of you.” It is at the zenith of man’s inability that God’s ability is displayed. God uses the weak things to confound the wise.

Many of our black men are dysfunctional. Society has placed most of them in a “narrow place.” Dreams have become nightmares, and the power of thought has lost its viability. Many of our men have trouble functioning at a high level of actualized potential. They’re barely surviving, much less achieving dreams and building empires. And most men are bound by the Adamic nature—nothing is their fault. They blame it on the system. They blame it on their background. They blame it on their upbringing. They blame it on their oppressor. But whatever his reasons for his dysfunction, they’re not good enough, for there are no excuses. If no one gives you a break, make your own!! Let God be your partner, for nothing is impossible with Him!!

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MALEHOOD: THE INFANTILE STAGE OF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Malehood is the first stage of development for every male seed that enters the earth. MALE relates to the presence of a penis; a human sex organ that performs a fertilizing function. He possesses the XY chromosomes, and is the carrier and giver of seed. The male is considered to be the dominant sex. Thus, he’s a male by a biological design that differs from the females. His body’s design marks him as an initiator, rather than a receiver, which is God’s biological design for a woman.
THE MALE MENTALITY

A male adult acts much like a male baby. A male is good in his proper state. Male babies bring joy — and work. When you have a little boy, he is beginning to learn about himself. You enjoy him and do for him because he cannot do for himself. But at some point he must grow up. He must go through the passage; he must progress from malehood to boyhood.

The male adult’s behavior is quite inappropriate for his age. His demand for immediate gratification from those who are unfortunate enough to be in his presence become insulting and overbearing, for no one expects that type of behavior from him. No one is assigned to “take care of him.” He is supposed to have matured past this level as an adult. The painful atrocity is that so many of our men are operating at this level.

There are several distinct characteristics that will identify you as being at the male stage of development:

1. A male is driven by his appetite. You can pinpoint a male by the way he fulfills his rampant appetite. The male’s entire mentality is dictated by the demands of his appetite. The male lacks any type of discipline and will cut up and act up until his
A male is an initiator; a female is a receiver.

appetite is satisfied or his need is met. His reactions are instinctive rather than reactive. The drive for fulfillment is unharnessed, and nothing else matters except the gratification of his needs.

When my son was a baby, he cried when he was hungry. He did not care whose company we were in or where we were; he just wanted his appetite satisfied and would not give us a moment’s rest until it was. When he wanted his diaper changed, he began to cry and threw a tantrum.

My son did not care if it was three in the morning and I only had one hour of sleep. He still wanted his bottle. That was fine. We did not hold any recriminations over his head...he was a baby—an infant—and his demanding behavior was appropriate for his age. It was what we expected from him. He was a baby and could not do for himself. We understood that we were his parents; we were supposed to take care of him. A male’s appetite or passions are the only authority to which he will respond. They dictate his every action. The phrases “What’s in it for me?” and “I want...” are his watchwords.

A male is driven by his passions...wherever they may lead him. His passions and his appetite must be sated, at whatever cost. He gives no thought to consequences. Ladies, this is the type of man that will sweet talk you into fulfilling his sexual desires, and, if you’re foolish enough to fall, he will leave you...
impregnated and alone. He is sexually undisciplined. “No” is a word that he hates to hear. It is unfamiliar to his vocabulary...and he doesn’t quite understand its meaning. He simply sees “No” as an opposition that has no right to present itself to him, for he is never to be denied.

2. A male is a beggar. He lacks the ability to generate and has become dependent upon others to provide his satisfaction. The entire concept of work, reward and achievement are foreign to his level of thought. Laziness is his partner. He looks for free hand-outs. He expects the maximum to be given to him with minimal effort from him. He responds with panic, fear and anger when his caretakers withdraw their resources. They have literal “panic attacks.” When someone tells them “No,” their response is usually violent, as the tantrums of their childhood are magnified in adulthood with greater physical manifestation. This is the man that will fight his wife if she refuses to give him $5.00 for cigarettes. This is the man who will fight with his boss for a full paycheck when he doesn’t come to work every day. This is the man who retains the cry of his infancy, “I want my bottle....and I want it NOW!!!”

3. A male is looking for a mother. He is seeking someone to care for him. He has absolutely no intention of becoming the sole

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provider and base of his home. He deliberately seeks for his mate to take care of him. He expects her to be an extension of his mother. His concept of a good wife is one who will feed him...but he hasn't put food on the table. He cannot even see his wife as sexually appealing because he has stripped her of her spousal identity, and instead, now calls her “Mama.” He can only see her in that light. Some men can initially respond to their wives prior to childbearing, but after that, the woman is seen as “Mama,” an icon of purity and motherly benevolence...but he can no longer see her as desirable. The male mentality then seeks fulfillment of his sexual needs outside of the marriage, for he believes his wife is to nurture and provide his security.

4. A male is dependent. A male is dependent upon the imagined strength of the woman he is with. He denies her need for his strength. Once again, this attitude is fabricated with the bonds of selfishness. The male attitude anticipates that she will think for him, work for him and do all that he requires. If the pressure of responsibility presents itself, a male will expect his wife to absorb life. He remains delightfully oblivious to the realities of the situation. Passivity becomes his portion. He will retreat into his defense mechanisms and frolic in the land of his fantasy. Sister, if you have a man leaning on you, where are you going to lean? I know the songwriter said “Lean on me when you're not strong,” but some men have been leaning and leaning and lean-

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A MALE GIVES NO THOUGHT TO CONSEQUENCES.

ing and leaning....and leaning!! Ladies, learn how to step out of the way of their "lean" and let them fall! As their head hits the pavement, a great awakening will take place! Your consent to the role that a male is trying to force you into will only reap more of the same. "No" is a word of liberation. Use it, and see the change!!

5. A male is oblivious to his purpose. Males don't know what they are, who they are, or where they're going. They just exist on the pulsation of their needs. They are blind to anything that rests on the circumference of "Me, Myself and I." All too many individuals are in this state of obtuse ignorance, which is dangerous, because if you don't know your identity, someone will identify you.

Most black men have been subject to the labels of identification placed upon them by the dictates of this racist society. The force of their lies and the cataloging of the abilities of an entire race of people have impaired and/or quenched the process of discovery that was intended to be a revelation of the spark of the Divine within us all. When this process is marred by the evil intentions of men, then we all forfeit the grandeur and glory of God in our midst.

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A male without identity will never be able to bring his woman into purpose. And unfortunately, should she discover hers, he will drag along with her...castrated and impotent by his own choosing.

Abram had an identity when he married Sarai. When his identity changed, so did hers. It will only be through the transition out of malehood into the full bloom of manhood that you will be able to impact the life of your wife through the magnitude of the image of God that has been forged into your life.

6. A male has a slave mentality. A male cannot think for himself. He becomes as a slave; shackled to the commands of his oppressor. He becomes subject to the whims of others who will inflict harsh cruelties. They find his ignorance of responsibility advantageous to their need to conquer, and a male becomes a perfect target. The expectations of his oppressor shapes his level of thought, and if his oppressor identifies him as an excellent breeder—a well-equipped stallion—then a male will embrace that standard, regardless of the fact that the image being presented to him is a parody, a farce and makes mockery of the image of God. Greatness is eclipsed by mediocrity, and a male can’t tell the difference.

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7. No one respects a male. An adult person caught in the level of thought that is defined as "male," loses even the prospect of respect, for he is dysfunctional. He is reduced to an object of ridicule and mockery. He can’t be taken seriously by anyone, because he has forfeited it by his weakness. Men, if you find yourself in this state, all is not lost! There is a key for you! If you do not have respect, create it! Destiny is not left up to chance, but it is a matter of choice! If you want to find the way out, it’s there! But you can only make the transition in your thinking by choice! It’s YOUR choice! You don’t have to stay in a low place! Society may hate your very presence, but they don’t have the final word in the matter! Establish your relationship with God, and come into covenant with Him! He will lead you OUT!!

Respect is earned upon demand. The Jews did it in New York City. When they first arrived to this city, they were despised of all men. But they did not accept the identification process of this nation. They began educating themselves and prepared for their children. They started buying real estate, for they understood that was the key to wealth and control. They quickly obtained control of the fur industry and the diamond district. They understood that economics was the safe that held their liberation. They knew that money was the answer....it answers all things!! We of the African-American community have a lot of questions within ourselves as a people, and we have been subject to misidentification, but as it was with the Jews, money will answer the accusation against our viability as a people.

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Chapter 3
A BOY'S WORLD

A boy is a male in a state of self-discovery. He is in a state where discipline is absent. The instillation process of the attributes of manhood have not yet taken place. Many "men" are actually adult boys. How can you tell? He's a schemer; he is always trying to get over on people. He is preoccupied with his toys, such as his favorite sport car—regardless of the price. Although he needs a family car, he'll buy a two-seater car, or a motorcycle. That's a boy!

He is preoccupied with stereo systems, colored lights and having a "good" time. Books are boring...unless they're comic books. His stereo system is larger than his library. They have more colored light space than they have reading space. While
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others are writing books, they’re somewhere shooting pool or playing ball. Adult boys are more interested in football and basketball scores, while men are counting their profits and generating income.

There are distinctions between a boy and a man. (And ladies, make sure you read this! It will save you a lot of heartache!)

1. A boy is childish. Mature interests are absent from his mind. There is an abnormal desire to retain the toys of his childhood that emphasized a denial of reality with its resultant responsibilities. There is a longing to be cared for that manifests in the seeking of motherly security within a relationship, rather than becoming the provider of security. Childishness becomes quite evident in the inordinate panoply of “play” that will preoccupy the mind of a boy. Nothing is ever taken seriously, because a boy will always utilize the power of his imagination to avoid the confrontation of pressure. His “playland” becomes his sanctuary, and thus, his way of escape.

2. A boy is irresponsible. You can’t depend on them for anything. They can’t even make it to work on time. They don’t pay the bills on time. They’re totally unaware of the significance of time, and live according to their own rules. They have problems assimilating to the structures of society, because they view

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authority as an intrusion upon their fun. A boy has conflicts with the establishment of his ego, and views the pressure of responsibility as an accusation of his personal failure. It is only through the acquisition of a proper role model does his opinion of discipline and responsibility change, and only then will he adapt to the mores of society. If a role model is absent, however, development will be also, and the boy can never develop into a man.

3. A boy is selfish. He is totally preoccupied with his wants, and his needs. He is consumed with the pleasures of self-gratification. He takes care of himself without regard for anyone else. Ladies, don’t marry a boy! He is totally incapable of understanding or meeting your needs...you’ll never be the primary person on his agenda. He will! Just when the rent is due, your “boy” will come through the door sporting a new $700.00 suit while you’re stuck shopping at the local rummage sales!! He’ll be taking the family car to work while you’re riding the bus!

A boy will thrive on the “This is mine” and “That’s your’s” syndrome. He will consider his money and his possessions as his and his alone! (Did you ever try to take a boy’s marbles from him? You wanna fight????) A boy can never build a successful marriage relationship because he cannot include anyone else in his picture.
4. A boy is in a state of self-exploration. He is still exploring, trying to find himself, and discovering differences between himself and the rest of the world. Boys are in a terminal state of wonderment. They begin to notice that there's something different about them and girls. They even go through a period where they really don't want to be bothered with girls. He does not really know who he is, therefore he is indecisive and ineffective. This is the stage where a boy, if exposed to the environment, can embrace the corrupted passions of homosexuality or retreat before the strength of a domineering woman and become trapped in the confines of docility. He may become a househusband. He's not quite sure of his placement. His concept of his role in life is confused, and he is liable to enter any abnormality and adapt to it by utilizing the escape mechanisms of his childishness to survive.

5. A boy is undisciplined. Boys need their fathers in their formative years. If the father is absent from the home, whether through death, divorce, sheer neglect or ineptitude, the void emits a critical cry to be filled within a young boy's life. The men of the Church must begin to become fathers to the fatherless in the House of the Lord. As role models of influence, the Church fathers can become a vehicle through which boys can make the necessary transition from boyhood to manhood.

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The strength of any race is not in its numbers. It's in its men. If the development of men in the black community is neglected by those who are called to impart unto the next generation, then we weaken ourselves as a people. If our men insist on refusing the weight of responsibility, and refuse to embrace the labor of mentorship amongst our youth while demanding to hold on to their status as "boys," then our next generation will be weak, indeed. I question our ability to survive, for through our weakness, we become our own oppressor and our selfishness commits our own genocide.

6. A boy is a fertile field. He is constantly being sown the seeds of self-control and discipline. He begins to hear the "don'ts" and the "nos." Initially, discipline begins from the outside, and gradually begins from within.

If properly cultivated, a boy will begin to understand where he has transgressed and begin self-correction. He should have inward discipline. He should know not to talk with strangers. He needs to be taught and encouraged to hold his seed. Our boys need to know that it is okay to be a virgin. It is okay to wait for a wife. He should know how far to go. But if he is not given proper training during the stages of boyhood, he'll retain infantile attitudes at the age of his manhood.
We should be teaching our boys how to locate solutions, and not to create or become overwhelmed by problems. We should be preparing them for the rites of passage into the mantle of manhood. And we should teach them responsibility at an early age.

Responsibilities force the muscles of growth and maturation to develop. The simple daily chores of taking out garbage, walking the dog, cleaning his room, etc., are conducive to the activation of the process of thought behind every action. Discipline teaches the basic law, that for every action there is a reaction—there is a consequence for the failure of responsibility and a reward for apprehending it.

They also need to be taught to use their brain. They need to be taught to work their minds and not their behinds! They need to learn that everything is not necessarily achieved through hard labor, but through the utilization of their minds. In other words, they need to be able to work smart, and not just hard. They should be taught how to make wise decisions.

I started working when I was about nine or ten. I’ve always went out to work. I would get up early on Sunday morning and go get the newspapers and knock on folk’s doors and ask, “Would you like to buy a paper?” I created my own business. I knew I couldn’t depend on my mother and father. I could have

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asked, but I went out and did for myself. I would go on Saturday, get a shopping cart and take people’s groceries home for them.

After I was born-again at the age of fifteen, I joined a co-operative program in high school. I was permitted to double schedule all of my subjects so that each week, I could alternate between work and school. At the ages of fifteen and sixteen, I chose to pay the light, gas and telephone bills at home. I looked to shoulder the burden of responsibility at home, for I understood that life was full of responsibility...and it had to begin in my life.

I don’t understand the mentality of many of today’s parents. Most seem to desire that their children remain children forever. There seems to be an aversion to the instillation of responsibility. Their children obtain money, and the parents will tell them “You can do whatever you want to do with it.” Parents, do you not know that when you provide that type of milieu for your son, he will carry that same crippling attitude into his marriage, and have gross difficulty establishing any type of financial base for his household? Your nonchalant permissiveness does a grave disservice to him and his future mate.

7. A boy likes games. They play games with themselves and people. He’s in a state where truth is easily manipulated to suit his own purposes. A boy plays mind games on everyone

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with whom he comes in contact. A boy is a braggadocio; he boasts of his dreams as though they were accomplished, yet upon inspection, his words are empty, and have the substance of the wind. He cannot be clear and precise in his speech, for a boy delights in his ability to exaggerate.

8. A boy loves to immerse himself in his hobby. The productive activity of work will be ignored in the pursuit of the joy of his amusements. In other words, they can get lost in their hobby. They won’t go to work because they’re busy putting together their dream...a 1956 T-Bird model car. “Honey, I’m working on a dream.” “But baby, your dream ain’t putting no food on the table.” “But, Honey, just work with me. I’m in the middle of this project. You keep things running until I get out of this thing.” A man would make his hobby minor until it’s able to get off the ground and generate income.

9. A boy looks for a partner, not a wife. They will subject a potential wife to an intensive interview. “What kind of job do you have? How much you make a week, dear?” They’re looking for a woman that will become an extension of their mother, and have absolutely no conception of the true role of a wife and their responsibilities towards her.

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10. A boy is a player. That is why he is known as a playboy. He does not take women seriously. He does not want to take responsibility for the action. Ladies, if you meet someone with a playboy mentality, run from him!! You will only be another piece in the game to him—literally! A playboy is caught in the quagmire of instant gratification of his needs, and they are not concerned about anyone else. Each conquest represents a victory in the game, and continues to inflate an overblown ego that is always in danger of exploding.

11. A boy runs with gangs. When gangs form within a community, it reflects the lack of a father’s image. In one experiment with rats, researchers took the father out of the home and put the mother to work. The young rats began to run in gangs.

Boys who are denied the model of fatherhood will start looking for leadership and mentoring among their peers. A boy cannot bring another boy into maturity. They have no understanding of the dimensions of fathering. A gang possesses an embryonic concept of power, strength and ethics which will be embraced by those involved. A warped code of honor brings a deformed sense of belonging, accomplishment and affirmation.
that satiates a deep hunger within the youth that is rarely admitted...even in the throes of pain.

The need for a father is intrinsic to us all, for it is the impetus that leads us to a relationship with the Heavenly Father Himself. It is interesting to note that God repeatedly promises to defend the fatherless, and become a Father to them.

"A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is the Lord in his holy habitation." Psalms 68:5

"Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy." Psalms 82:3

"The Lord preserveth the strangers; he relieves the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turneth upside down." Psalms 146:9

The Scriptures are resplendent with God’s concern for the fatherless. And it is interesting to note that never once does He express concern for the motherless. The impartation of a mother, while invaluable, will never replace the impartation, authority and guidance of a father. Men, you know not what you do when you abandon your children or abdicate your throne as father and

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head of your home. And women, never remove your children from their father for spite or in anger. You will find that the unquenchable longing within that child will eventually speak an indictment against you...no matter who is "right" and who is "wrong." Of course, there may be instances where the separation of a man from his children is mandated—such as in instances of sexual or emotional abuse. But many women make the decision to separate their children from their fathers through their own anger at a situation that may well have been justifiable enough to split the marriage, yet is not justifiable enough to split the children from their father. It is important to think of the impact that a father has in the life of his children, and weigh the consequences of his absence in their lives before such decisions are made.

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THE ESSENCE OF A MAN

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Genesis 1:26-28
The intriguing stage of manhood begins when a young man reaches the age of twelve, not at twenty-one. Men, if you’re just beginning to discover your purpose in your twenties, you’re a late bloomer. And if you’re in your forties...!

The Jews have long understood the necessity of marking the entrance to manhood. They celebrate the event with Bar Mitzvahs when their boys come of age. It is a rite of passage to manhood. It marks them outwardly as a man. They are now placed in rigorous training that will force their minds to assimilate the fact that they are now expected to shoulder the responsibilities of a man. They are removed from the direct influence of their mothers and mentored into manhood.

While growing up in the south, I witnessed the same outward marking within the white culture. Boys were referred to as “Master Bob,” instilling the imagery of mastery and dominion into his young and impressionable mind. When a boy entered his teenage years, everyone had to refer to him as “Mr. Bob.” It didn’t matter if a black person was thirty years his senior, they were expected to refer to this emerging youth as “Mr. Bob.” Calling him “Bob” at this point would have been considered to be a sign of gross disrespect.

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When someone addresses a grown man as "Boy," it agitates anger. The utilization of that terminology is a deep humiliation. The likeness of God upon that individual is snubbed. The recognition of his manhood is denied. During slavery, black men were intentionally stripped of their manhood and reduced to boyhood by those who felt their white skin was their license to dominate an entire race. Unfortunately, that same attitude prevails in the greater majority of white America today. The echoes of a distant past continue to chant "Boy" towards black men ...and prays for white supremacy to live.

The African-Americans have languished under the onslaught of this mindset long enough. We are losing this present generation, who join us in their anger, yet reject our passivity, for their frustration calls for action. Yet without a leader, their action lacks steering, and becomes self-destructive. Our only hope is to prepare the next generation with the wisdom of the aged. Mark their entry in manhood. Instill responsibility and accountability. Parents, sharpen your parenting skills. Study to show yourselves approved unto God! Teach your sons economics...how to build a financial empire. If you don't know, then let it become a family project, and you all learn together! Teach them the principle of saving. Stop making excuses about what you can't afford! It doesn't take a lot of money to instill the principle! Two dollars a
week will suffice!

Parents must intentionally release their boys into manhood. Too many mothers cling to their sons...he’s “their baby.” How can that six-foot, two hundred twenty-five pound man be your “boy?” There are some mothers who fall into that because their husband is off the scene, or their relationship with their husband has waned, and they begin to form an inordinate attachment to that son. He becomes their son to such a degree that their “smother-love” prevents him from entering his manhood and husbandhood. This is the same woman that becomes the stereotypical mother-in-law that is domineering, rude and insulting to her daughter-in-law, remaining jealous of her and frustrated in her desire to supplant the place of the wife in the son’s heart. Matriarchal “smother-love” will also reject discipline...desiring to maintain the childhood dependency of a son upon his mother well into adulthood. They say things like, “Anything Johnny wants, I’ll give it to him.” There is a resulting denial of transitional growth. These men become as Peter Pan...they never grow up! They never experience discipline...for Momma always says “Yes.”

The Church has inadvertently helped to perpetuate these problems by allowing women and children to carry responsibilities that they were not designed to carry. So many men have

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WHEN BOTH PARENTS ARE WORKING.

turned to their wives and said, "You pray, Honey. You hear from God. Tell me what He says. You take care of that." I believe that the worst thing that has happened to the Church is that the men have lost their divinely mandated vision for the office of manhood as expressed through their assignment as husbands, managers and providers of the home. They've abdicated rule in the House of the Lord, also, and women are forced to run the show.

We've allowed the lure of the world to cause us to send our wives into the job market. What sounds like a good idea isn't always God's idea...nor is it His purpose. The home becomes fragmented when both parents are working. The basics of the structure of household function become distorted and often forfeited as the demands of work supplant parental priorities. We then compromise ourselves, and God's standards for the home are rarely realized in their fullness.

Our society has caused most women to feel compelled to work outside of the home. The economic structure is toppling under the demands of greed that permeate the world system. Most couples feel that both partners have to work in order to survive. Other women have embraced their career. The image of a housewife in this society connotes drudgery and labor without

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pay rather than the honor that God placed on such function. Hollywood has sold us a lie that said housewives were unintelli-
gent. Most women bought the lie and reject the whole notion of housewifery. And as much as people argue whether or not women should work, the harsh reality is staring us in our faces...our youth are out of control. Their primary role models are found on television and VCR’s....and most are in a perennial state of rebellion. I can’t help but wonder what state this generation would have been in if God’s structure for the home had not fallen victim to the reasonings of men.

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A MAN'S MAN

Like God, a man is a triune being with a mature spirit, soul and body. He is created with logistical and emotional capacity that enables him to act like God in the earth. He is formed with the ability to decree, and to see it come to pass. He operates in his full stature, and his words carry the strength of his integrity in their fulfillment. A man understands his role and has placed his neck in the yoke of destiny.

It is of the utmost importance that strength be combined with strength. When men prepare for marriage, they should join with strong women, for they are a blessing from the Lord, utilizing the gifts and talents that have been bestowed on them from Almighty God. Most men esteem the strength in their women,
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yet become threatened by it. Brothers, don’t become threatened...take the challenge! Her strength should spark yours! When strong men and strong women join together, you have an unbeatable team that can accomplish much in the Kingdom of God!

1. **A man is a reacher.** A man tries to reach for the ultimate of what he has been called to become. His dream is bigger than himself, with room to spare for others that are connected to him. He uses the power of his dreams, and the apex of his abilities are expressed through the work of his hands. He prospers.

2. **A man is a planner.** Men do not strip their future to enhance their present. A man works with the laws of God that are structured in the universe. A man understands the consequences of his actions, and is mindful to sow for a profitable harvest. He does not sow to the wind and reap a whirlwind.

3. **A man thinks generationally.** You must start thinking beyond your present and insure that your life will impact a thousand generations. If your life was significant enough to touch one person’s life, then you should be touching thousands. It has been said that the richest place in the world is the graveyard...for it is there that so many unfulfilled dreams take their eternal rest. They died without expression in the earth. Don’t allow your life

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to become a distant memory; a name that cannot be recalled by your grandchildren. One who understands the responsibility of manhood will say to himself, "I must make sure that the seed can live on. Even in my absence they will be able to call me blessed." Proverbs 13:22 states "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children...."

What type of inheritance are you leaving? What preparations have you made to ensure that the generations following you will be empowered to build upon the foundation you have laid? Men, here's a simple key...purchase insurance!! What kind of life insurance do you have? Are you procrastinating because you're looking for the Rapture? What if it doesn't come in your generation? A rule of thumb to remember is that if you're not insured seven times whatever your present income is, you are underinsured. If you make thirty thousand dollars a year, you should have two hundred and ten thousand dollars in insurance.

You'd be surprised how many churches in our communities have to bury members because insurance is non-existent. No one ever talked about the issue. Or people took a boyish approach and said, "Why should I worry about it? Who cares?" Or some became defensive when the subject came up and said, "I ain't leaving nothing behind to make somebody else rich." Some of us are pitifully underinsured. Some of us are dealing with policies
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that are so antiquated they can’t cover the costs of the average funeral. A man is a person of foresight. No one enjoys the prospect of their own departure, but we must come to terms with the inevitability of our own demise, and be wise stewards with the life that God has granted us.

4. A man develops communities. Men will see their community as an extension of their family. In other words, when they see your children doing something wrong, they will deal with that child as if it’s their child. There’s no such thing as saying “Don’t hit my child! Don’t talk to my child like that! That’s my baby!” No, no, no!!

This is our baby because we are family. A man understands the interconnection between us all. He also understands that if your child becomes a rotten seed and a gateway for drug dealership, the entire community will suffer, as well as the family unit. That child will not only rob and beat you as the parent, but he will rob and beat the community, also. The hesitancy of recent years to embrace collective responsibility of our children has produced an abominable degeneration of authority in our midst. There is a need for the brandishing of strength to restore order in our communities. It will take men walking in the fullness of their manhood to do so.

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A couple of years ago we wanted to institute some policies and told the parents that if their children would be in children’s church they would be disciplined. Some got upset and left the church. They didn’t want their babies disciplined. If we cannot entrust our children to one another in the Kingdom, then what type of example will we give to the world?

5. A man is a cultivator of land. Every man has a garden in which he is placed by God. (Genesis 2) It will be his assigned responsibility to dress and keep his garden. Every man has a garden from which to eat. How are you tending to your garden? If you don’t tend to it, weeds will spring up and choke the growth of your seed. But with proper care and maintenance, your garden will produce the fruits of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

A man’s wife is a facet of his garden. Solomon referred to his wife as a garden, and wooed her with his ability to sow romance into her emotions. Romance is a seed that will keep the weeds of indifference and bitterness from choking your relationship. A man understands that he is a giver...the soil of his wife’s garden must be enriched through his actions. As you cultivate her land, you will be overtaken by the harvest of love and contentment that will spring forth. Adultery reveals a deep flaw in your character, for the desire to sow outside of the parameters of your garden dis-
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Closes your inability to cultivate the land that you have. A man never sows indiscriminately, but he embraces purpose and understands his harvest. He never plants in a foreign field, for he understands that his harvest will be disastrous on all levels. The land will be cursed because he entered without permission, and the weeds of shame, blame and conjugal pain will result.

6. A man is a person of dominion. Adam was placed in the earth to exercise dominion. He rejects the crippling effects of passivity and procrastination, choosing instead to exercise the power of confrontation in order to secure his vision. A man understands that behind every “No,” there’s a “Yes,” and will persevere to get the job done.

A man never becomes dominating, but he is dominant. The authoritative weight of his words will be felt by all who come in contact with him. He says what he means, and means what he says. His word will contain the strength of the Lord, and can be relied on for its credibility.

7. A man is a dreamer. Men are able to see beyond the way things are, and can envision how they are supposed to be. Once change is envisioned, a man has the ability to take his dream and make it a reality. He has an appetite for greatness, and understands that the present reality will be augmented by the spark of the Divine within us all.

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8. A man is a person of purpose. If a man is suffering defeat in life and not having victory, he should check to see if he is moving in the purpose of God. But should he miss the instruction of the Lord, the grace and mercy of the Lord are still extended unto him. For even the mistake is a lesson in growth and maturity.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Often, when a man has failed in a particular effort, or if he has made an attempt that failed, women make the fatal mistake of harping upon that mistake as though that were the sum total of that man's identity and the period at the end of the sentence of the book of his life. Ladies, some of you never want to let him forget his error! It's brought up time and time again! And men, you have a way of doing that to your wives, as well! None of us have the right to indulge in the sacrilege of unforgiveness, for the grace of God has been given unto us all! Let us be partakers of Christ, and not become judge, jury and executioner of one another!

Perhaps your husband didn't pay the electric bill, and the lights were turned off because he was irresponsible. Coming home and finding the lights off will teach an indelible lesson
from which he will learn....and in the end, all things will work together for good if, in your denouncement of his actions, you can still love God!

When a woman has married a man before he has entered the full bloom of his manhood, she can become frustrated as his immaturity evokes transitional lessons that can be traumatic for her, yet necessary for his development. It is in these situations that women must begin to overcome the tendency to criticize and learn to understand his season of development. The phases of his maturation don't stop just because you've married ahead of schedule. Nor do they accelerate because of the pain of your frustration and impatience. If you have bitten into a green apple, then understand that you have eaten that which was not meant to be eaten, and the pains that you are suffering are to be expected. The sweetness that the apple should have contained was not given an opportunity to develop. The green apple is acidic. Its flavor is sour, and it leaves a memory of its bitterness long after its eaten. Green apples will give you a tummy-ache! And a man who is in the immature stage of his development will make you sick! You'll have sour experiences that will leave a bitter taste in your mouth!

But all is not lost—Jesus is the Healer for your pain! A wise woman will seek the Lord for His wisdom, and pray for the grace to endure hardship like a good soldier. A good soldier understands that the battle may be great, but the war is not eternal. It

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will end—eventually. Your man will not always be immature. Change is inevitable. How you conduct yourself during the transition will determine how long you will languish. If you embrace a negative stance, and begin to downgrade your husband’s every effort, ridicule his weakness and mock his mistakes, then your battle will rage for years and years. You words will continue to dig a trench around his feet, and he will sink into a quagmire of pain and rejection that he will not be able to overcome. His transition into manhood cannot come, for your scorn will stand as an insurmountable enemy to his faith.

Ladies, allow your words and your attitudes to become building blocks to his success. Become his cheerleader, and lend him the potency of your encouragement. Allow your words to be seasoned with grace...as the grace of God comes upon you. If you can esteem your husband in the face of his fallibility, you will be a wise woman indeed!

9. **A man is a discerner.** A man will judge all things against the word of God, for He understands that the law of God is the standard of truth against which all things must be ascertained. He understands the laws that govern his triumph. If you don’t have victory today, you sowed a seed of defeat yesterday! And if you want victory tomorrow you’ve got to sow a seed of victory today! If you don’t like the state that you’re in then you’ve got to alter what you did yesterday! Do something different! Insanity

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is doing the same thing over and over expecting different results!

If you're a man, and not a boy, then act like it! Stop sitting there and scratching your head and saying, "Well, what am I going to do?" Create something and pull on the creative nature of God that rests within you!!! If you are a man, you should be able to create things and find God-given solutions. You should be able to pull on the authority of manhood that is in you and ideas will come. God will show you the way out!

It is not impossible! David's mighty men were dysfunctional, but in the end they became valuable! You were born to be a winner! God only brings winners to the earth. When your father released his sperm, there were a million sperms rushing to penetrate the egg but you were one in a million! You were the only one that made it! You started off successful...you entered the earth as a winner—so you have no excuse!!

10. A man is disciplined. Every deed is a seed towards your future. A man understands this and is disciplined in his deeds and his words. His appearance will reflect his discipline. His outward appearance is a reflection of his inner discipline. He will polish his shoes. He will comb his hair. He won't be seen wearing his pants below his waistline with his underclothes showing. He understands the enticements of an egocentric childhood, and

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rejects their influence in his conduct and appearance.

11. A man is unafraid of the unfamiliar. Growth only takes place when you make a leap in the dark. Thus, a man is unafraid of the unfamiliar. He is quick to go out on the limb to reach the goodly fruit. He takes calculated risks, and has considered the consequences of his actions. Oftentimes we like to say “God, You show me and I’ll do it.” But a man will hear God say, “You do it and I’ll show you!”

A man must conquer the power of fear. If he is afraid to make a move, he’ll never be a achiever, he’ll never be a winner, he’ll never grow, and he’ll never succeed.

12. A man embraces new beginnings. Darkness is the place of the genesis of all things. All new beginnings start in darkness. God begins in darkness. The seed begins in darkness. Film is developed in the dark room. Images are developed in the dark until the fullness of time then they began to come forth into light. Remain in the darkness until it’s time for you to be shown in the light.

13. A man is a man of authority. It isn’t until you are under authority that you can stand in authority. A man has the concepts of accountability etched within his being and subjects him-

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self to the authority of God. He never abuses his authority by the castration of another’s strength, but rather he walks confidently in his own within his established boundaries. His authority is seen in his service towards those he governs, for his authority is expressed through the fulfillment of his responsibilities. A man that has to state his authority lacks the command of authority. A man of true weight will be heard in his silence.
Chapter 6
THE CALL TO HUSBANDHOOD

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Peter 3:7

Husbandhood is the stage of development achieved when a man marries. He becomes the principle caretaker of his wife and provider for their home. Diverse characteristics are exhibited in men who have successfully advanced to fatherhood.

1. A husband is married. A husband has submitted himself under the mandate of marriage according to the law of Almighty God and the laws of the land. If you’re not married to
him, he is not your husband. It doesn’t matter how long you’ve lived together or how unnecessary you have reasoned the due process to be. The honor of marriage will be embraced by a man who is truly ready to enter the phase of husbandhood.

2. A husband is the head of his household. “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.” (Ephesians 5:23) Divine order in the home is present when the man is acting as head. A husband understands and embraces his responsibilities at whatever cost. He has already made the transition into his manhood, so he brings strength to the joining of the union. He rules as God in his home...being the voice of authority, for his decisions stand unchallenged. He has submitted himself unto Christ as his lead, and stands accountable for his household before God. The confidence of his wife can safely rest in him.

3. A husband is a thinker. A husband surveys all possibilities, and thinks ahead. He thinks constructively, always seeking for ways to expand and cover each area as the guardian he is appointed to become. A husband, while recognizing the jewel of counsel that is resident within his wife, will take the time to weigh a matter in prayer, and take the responsibility of making the final decision. He is also willing to admit when a mistake has been made, and will be a man of solutions, having a ready answer for every dilemma of life. He is secure within himself and

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his relationship with God.

He is a man who understands that his help cometh from the Lord, and he gives himself over to the study of the Word of God. He leads his family into a deeper knowledge of the Lord and the principles of His Word, for his home is his altar.

4. A husband is a giver. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it." (Ephesians 5:25) Before a man marries a woman he should be able to say, "Yes, I am willing to give my life for you." The giving of his life goes beyond the threat of imminent physical danger, though if necessary, he should be willing to allow his life to become the ultimate sacrifice.

When a husband pledges himself to his wife, he is now embracing a lifestyle of immolation. He becomes to his wife what Christ is to the Church. He must now be willing to labor on her behalf...he must see that she is dressed without concern, even as the lilies of the field...he must become her hiding place from the storms of life and eliminate worry from her mind....he must become security in the face of her insecurities....he must bring healing to the wounds of her past and stability to her future with him....he must father the little girl within his wife....he must become her covering and make decisions that would benefit her the most....he must become her provider and a source of strength.

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unto her...he must understand that he lives to make intercession on her behalf. This is the call of husbandhood, and if a man cannot embrace the fullness of this responsibility, he should never marry.

No woman should ever accept anything less than a man that fulfills every aspect of husbandhood, for to do so debases her character and diminishes the Image of God upon both of them. And if the Image of God cannot be discerned, then the image of that which is set beneath humanity is reflected. Divinity is denied, and they are both reduced to operating at the level of animals, thus reflecting the Image of the profane and perverse, rather than the express Image of God. Marriage without commitment that reaches all levels becomes a parody that mocks the will of God, for marriage is ordained of the Lord. God created Eve to become a helpmeet for Adam, who was appointed as the head of the union. Man was ordained for dominion, and the consequential inherent leadership placed within man was called to be exercised within the boundaries of marriage, as well.

5. A husband is a worker. God created man to work. Contrary to the mores of this day, work is not to be escaped...nor is it evil. Work brings definition to the expression of God within man. God works, His creation works....and man is never called to be the exemption. Everything that God created has a purpose that is signified through its identity. Even dirt, which gives our

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natural eyes a surface appearance of inertia, functions through the provision of the proper milieu for the growth of foliage. “Inertia,” according to Webster’s, literally means “incapable of moving, acting or resisting an opposing force, devoid of mental energy, making no imaginative effort, hard to get to move or act, unskilled or inactive.” The lack of work in a man’s life is contrary to the image and nature of God, for man’s work was defined before Eve was created. No man has any business approaching a woman about marriage if he cannot define his work. And no woman has any business accepting anyone’s proposal if he’s not working!! Marriage is a commitment...not a fairy tale. The nature of a true marriage is palatial...as two become one, empires are joined also, and the joining is to produce growth. Marriage is ordained to become fruitful and multiply...in children, goods, wisdom and commitment.

When growth is absent, retardation is present. The lack of growth and development signals that the timing is off and that the order, which denies God, is backwards. And entirely too many marriages are out of order! Many people marry prematurely...or take no thought to whom they are marrying. They take the significant step of marriage based upon the impetuous drive of lust rather than sound judgment based upon the standards of the Word of God. When the Word of God is not given its rightful place as the authoritative Voice of God in your life, you will fol-

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Low the lusts of the flesh and reasonings of carnality that will bring entrapment rather than place you on a course of zoe—the God-kind of life.

Whether he is an entrepreneur or an employee, a husband must work to bring income into his home. Every home is full of questions...the mortgage or rent, electric bill, phone bill, medical bill, refrigerator, etc. are all asking questions...“When shall we be paid?” And money answers all things...not prayer! Not fighting! Not accusations! Men, money will answer the questions that are raging in your homes...and it is up to you to provide the answers!

Some women, when faced with a man who is financially impotent, will audaciously say, “It’s okay. I’ll take care of him.” But it’s not okay. God did not ordain woman to work for the man, but He ordered that a man should work to provide for the woman. When the ordering of God is reversed, then you’ve embraced the curse. If it’s not in order, it’s out of the sphere of His order, and will not bring forth a Godly harvest.

Whenever a woman finds herself (either intentionally or through necessity) standing in the place of a man, the very nature of God within her is corrupted. She begins to evolve into something other than what God ordained. One could almost say that

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she becomes deformed, so to speak...she is now functioning in an image that is beneath her rank as a queen. This is comparative to the distention that would be noticed when a neck muscle is overdeveloped as compared to the remaining muscles of the face and chest. The first thing your eyes would see is a bulging neck that is out of proportion to the size of the head.

The problem is that so many women accept anything because they are ignorant of satan’s devices in their lives. Ladies,

God is not going to bring an unemployed man across your path for you to marry! That’s the devil!! God is not going to corrupt your royalty by giving you a man for whom you must provide!! That’s confusion! God will not place that type of weight on your shoulders! You weren’t designed for it! God is not the author of frustration...for that will be the harvest when you plant that type of seed in your life!! If a man won’t work, don’t marry him!! If he’s unemployed, don’t marry him!! Let him get a job, create a business or find some type of legitimate income before you marry him.

6. A husband is a provider. A man should not marry until he can take care of a woman. If he can’t purchase her name, she’ll never surrender hers. She’ll just hyphenate it. She’ll announce to the whole world that she is Mrs. Worthington-Smythe—because

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the strength of her name demands preeminence over his. In essence, she is saying, "You cannot afford to remove my name."

Now, if your name was associated with wealth, like "Kennedy," she'd gladly give up her maiden name! Women, marry a man whose name carries more weight than yours! Discern if the interested party can make the transition from manhood to husbandhood. Inquire about his credit rating... because if American Express or Visa refuse to put his name on their card — (and they give them to everybody these days) — why would you want his name on your life? The entire household will be built upon the strength of that man's name. If his name lacks strength and integrity, the entire household will lack those qualities also. Being covered by a man with a weak name is like standing in the rain with an umbrella full of holes. You are never totally covered, and much of the heat of the elements will fall upon your shoulders.

Men, your name is important. Your name brings stability and security. If you know that the reputation of your name is tarnished, why attempt to saddle that burden on someone else?

7. A husband is the ruler of the household, and is worthy of respect, honor and reverence. "If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws

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of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. And when the king’s decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.” Esther 1:19-20.

In this story, Queen Vashti refused to attend a feast given by her husband, King Ahasuerus. The king and his guests were drunk, and when the king called for Queen Vashti, she determined in her heart to rebel against his command. Her refusal to present herself at the directive of the king resulted in the loss of her royal position because it was seen as a sign of gross disrespect towards the king. Whenever a woman refuses to embrace the ruler within her husband, she will reflect the fact that she despises him, and regards his words as worthless and insignificant. Vashti’s attitude is frequently embraced in today’s society as feminists balk at submission and chase an elusive concept of “freedom and liberation.”

Women love to gather with other women and justify their latest actions against the rulership of their mates. Yet this is a satanic entrapment, for the rejection of authority at any level is always equated with rebellion….which is as the sin of witchcraft. It will always entertain the spirit of death. A woman must never reject the concept of her husband’s authority over her life...for his ruler-

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ship is the foundation of their empire. Reject it, and the death of
dreams, relationships, prosperity and trust will result. Scorn it,
and goals will collapse. Ridicule it, and reputation will wither as
grass...for ladies, your perspective of your man will determine
how others will see him, also.

As a ruler, it is important that order and respect are main-
tained in the home. A man can only command the degree of
respect that he earns. Men, if you disrespect yourselves by acting
any less that the king that you are, you cannot expect your
woman to revere your word. Your life must reflect integrity...pay
your bills on time!!! Demonstrate managerial ability! Have your
act together!! Don’t expect your woman to respond to you as an
icon of submission if your actions cannot provoke a submissive
response. Remember, God designed men as initiators, and
women were made to respond. Men, if your household is out of
order, check yourself first!! If you find that your wife is cold and
indifferent towards your advances, then you need to ask your-
self, “What have I done for her lately?” What lifestyle are you
keeping her in? Is she straining under a load of abdicated respon-
sibility and management? Are you nurturing your independent
and carefree lifestyle—hanging out with the guys and dressing
to the “T”—at her expense? Are you providing her with much
needed help, or have you given her a resumé of your excuses as

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to why she should take the garbage out by herself? Do you see your wife as a miracle worker—do you expect her to purchase two weeks' worth of groceries off of a meager budget of $25.00? How much respect do you sow towards your wife that you can demand to reap? Remember one thing: your woman will respond to your care.

8. A husband is a man with purpose. God did not give Eve to Adam until his purpose was defined. Adam knew his territory and his measure of rule. Adam knew what he had to accomplish, and was busy achieving his goals. God does not bring the entrance of marriage until purpose is in manifestation. All too often, women, who are innately gifted with great perception, can discern a man's potential for purpose, and will marry him without seeing the evidence of his pursuit of purpose. Never marry a man based upon what he "could be," or what you think he "may become." Potential isn't always realized or "lived out." To marry someone based solely on their potential without taking a hard and realistic view of who they presently are is foolishness, and bound to become the habitation of a great frustration.

It is frequently said that "Love is blind, and marriage is an eye-opener." There is a large measure of truth in that saying!! The headiness of infatuation can blind you to cold, hard facts that would have signaled you of failure before you began. Most prob-
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lems are in evidence before the actual marriage, but most people are so enthralled with one another that they ignore the signals...and they run the red lights into a devastating collision with the painful truth! There are many individuals that are still haunted by their failure to heed the warnings that were ignored in their courtship days.

You can never marry someone with the intention to “change them.” Don’t overestimate the degree of influence you have over your mate’s life! For you can never become their God...and you cannot re-create the handiwork of The Creator!

A man can only take a woman to the level that he himself has achieved. Sometimes physical and emotional abuse are the results of the overwhelming frustration felt by a man who feels inferior to his wife. He may feel threatened by her strength and self-assurance; intimidated by her friends and lifestyle which may have been more affluent that his; he may be plagued with insecurity and a deep fear of losing her because his self-esteem is pitifully low. Any one of these emotions may drive him to an errant display of diffused strength that becomes abusive in its indictment of his pain. His anger seeks to bring her down to his level by any means necessary. Justifiable? NEVER! Understandable....I’m afraid so! Avoidable? DEFINITELY!! The signs will present themselves at an early stage of the relationship.

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Is he comfortable around your friends... or does he frequently attempt to keep you alone to himself? Can he share in your life... or is he feeling awkward about your lifestyle? Does he ridicule your desire to attend public events, such as concerts and social dinners? Or does he display an unusual degree of jealousy if you are engaged in conversation with anyone... male or female? Does he mock your dreams, and reason away your hopes before you've even tried to achieve them? Ladies, listen... stay out of the pits! If a man isn't functioning at or higher than your level then don't marry him!! Don't marry a man without a plan or vision for the future!! Don't marry a dreamer who does not have a plan to make that dream come true!! His dream may become your nightmare!!

9. A husband is a patient farmer. He knows he cannot sow his seed in the field until it is fully purchased. In other words, he waits for the undefiled bed before having sex with a woman. Nine times out of ten, if he tastes the fruit before marriage, he won't buy it. Something sours when a relationship is violated before marriage. It becomes like an unspoken pall of failure... even in the event that marriage does take place. There is always that gnawing sense of defilement that stays with a woman, whether verbally admitted or not. And there is always a vague sense of distrust within the heart of that man, for if he was able to enter the garden so easily without paying the price, who's
to say that no one else will gain easy entrance? The bonds of trust are damaged.

Sometimes, these distant thoughts that many refuse to recognize and admit are at the very root of dysfunctional behaviour within the marriage. Guilt from premarital sex can prevent a continuously enjoyable sex life from developing. Premarital sex can cast a shadow of shame that will haunt couples for their entire marriage. A true husband is a man who will wait to sow his seed. He will not uncover his woman and expose her to the onslaught of humiliation and reproach—even if she presents him with the perfect opportunity. Boaz could have taken Ruth on the threshing floor. He could have taken her the night she slept at the foot of his bed to warm his feet. But he did not; for he understood it was not the proper season. He understood the ramifications of shame and dishonor, and would not corrupt the beauty of their relationship with those elements. Rather, he waited until the fullness of time.

Shame and dishonor seem to be able to also manifest through the appearance of poverty. Proverbs 6:26 states "For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life." When a woman is used to functioning as a whore—defined simply as a woman used to have sex outside of marriage—somehow that man is brought to a piece of

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bread. Somehow, there seems to be an inherent retribution built into the law of God that goes into action whenever fornication is present...even after true repentance has taken place. Something seems to happen that causes the finances to dry up. I’ve noticed that, almost without exception, the married couples that indulged in premarital sex suffer an inordinate difficulty in establishing any type of financial base. They always seem to be behind in their bills. If given a windfall, it seems to turn to ashes and blows away. It almost seems as though a cloud appears over the mind of that man, and he is unable to access his creativity. Frustration visits their home for a season. What seemed so innocent and irresistible becomes a curse with a vengeance, and exacts a high price that many are forced to pay with the haunting pangs of regret—— for there’s no such thing as a “friendly ghost.”
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THE FATHER: THE EPITOME OF MANHOOD

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." Psalm 127:3-5

A father is a man who has produced a child. Yet the office of fatherhood is not entered into simply because of a man’s ability to procreate. His physiological function may be authorized through the maturation of his physical body, yet his mentality may deem his actions unauthorized. A father is not merely a giver of seed, but he enters his divine purpose to nurture, protect and provide for his seed.
A father reflects and engraves God's personality upon his children. He imparts values and righteous standards of life upon the lives of his children, and models the pattern before their eyes. He acknowledges that he does not possess his children for his own purposes, but he understands that they shall be arrows shot from his quiver; they will go further than he could go himself. A father rejoices in the development of his seed and the maturation of their purpose. A father understands the importance of keeping his word. A father will make and keep his promises. Indubitable covenant is the ideal standard that should exist in a paternal relationship.

As a parent, you will soon discover that you must place boundaries upon your actions. If you live a life that is unholy before your children, I guarantee they'll model and duplicate you because you are their first mentor. Every act will produce a reaction. And as much as you counsel, beg and plead with your children to do as you say, inevitably, they will do as you've done.

A true father will function as a delegated authority in his home, his community and in his church. He provides for all the needs of his family. He will lead his family into the House of the Lord. Too many of our men sit at home while their wives carry their children to church. Fathers must begin to take their rightful

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role as spiritual head of the household.

Fathers are a link to each stage of a male’s growth and development. Absence of a father in the home has been a significant contributor to the problems in the black community. When fathers begin to emerge, our communities will change.

Fathers are desperately needed within every community to assist in the developmental transition of raising boys to men. Women, I know that you are strong, anointed and appointed. I know that you love your sons. But you can’t raise them alone. They need a role model of masculine strength and integrity. If you, as a woman, become his sole model, what will he learn? Feminine traits will be modeled, and effeminate mannerisms will result. His identity will be confused. The greatest gift you can give your son is the freedom to spend time with a man who is successfully functioning in his manhood. Only men, those with a fathering spirit, can raise men.

The facets of fatherhood are an extension of the maturation of manhood:

1. A father is a covenant keeper.
2. A father is a provider.

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3. A father is a generational thinker.
4. A father is a man of strength and stability.
5. A father is a ruler of his household.

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DISCIPLINE: THE KEY TO A MAN'S FUTURE

As we’ve repeatedly stated, man has been ordained for leadership. But men, until you become a disciplined follower, you cannot disciple others. The first order of government is self government. If you cannot govern that which is within you’ll never govern that which is without.

Many of our brethren are at the apex of unfulfilled sexuality. There are those that are single that know that it is unlawful until the yoke of marriage is upon them, and then there are those married brothers who, for one reason or another are unfulfilled. Listen, stop rebuking your sexual appetite as though your urges are ungodly! Don’t cast it out! Don’t “Bind it in Jesus’ Name!” Your sexuality and the impetus of your sex drive are God given.
A MAN IS NOT ONE JUST OF THE FLESH, BUT OF THE SPIRIT. HE UNDERSTANDS, FOLLOWS AND EMBRACES SPIRITUAL PROTOCOL.

But God wants you to master it.

Becoming disciplined will stop you from jumping into a bad marriage. Sometimes people enter into marriage and say “Well, I just couldn’t control it.” They shortly discover that their mate doesn’t please them because they never disciplined themselves to attain their “Isaac;” God’s promise unto them. They bit the “Ishmael;” they fell for the wild ass...literally!

The Law of Dominion states “Whatever you don’t have dominion over will have dominion over you.” If you don’t take dominion over your sexuality at an early age, you will probably find yourself in a struggle all your life. The attainment of money and power will expose your level of discipline. They will magnify what you are.

God is a God of generations. While we’re looking at the seed in our hands today, He’s looking at the fruit that are going to come out of that one, lone seed. God has already seen the harvest! We must embrace the celebration of giving in order to reach our potential in God.

Giving must be a celebration. Just as joy accompanies the sowing of seed within the sexual act, joy should erupt within us whenever we give at any level. We must learn how to take the

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seed that God has given us and wrap significance around it, for it is going to determine our future.

We are called to be established in the culture of the Kingdom of God through the understanding of His laws and principles, for it is only through His word that we are able to discern His Kingdom. Many Christians make the mistake of thinking that the Kingdom is found within signs and wonders. They pray, “Lord, give me more anointing.” The reason God has not answered many of those prayers is because the person hasn’t mastered their current level of anointing. New levels bring new devils. These new devils will eat you alive if you’re unprepared!

A man is not one just of the flesh, but of the Spirit. He understands, follows and embraces spiritual protocol. A true man is identified as a Man of God. He will practice the Presence of God. He meditates on the Word. Allow the Word to become a part of you. Allow the Word to become a part of your lifestyle. Allow it to be engrafted in you, until you can become that Word made flesh in the earth.

Jesus told us to love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot really love your neighbor until you begin to love yourself and understand how we relate to one another on the earth. When you begin to understand people, you’ll see that when they back bite and talk about folks and just tear down other individuals, it’s because they have a low self esteem. They have to tear down others to make themselves look good. When you take the time to develop insight into the pain of others, the compassion of Christ will temper your response to their actions.

Think highly of yourself. If you change your thinking, your destiny will change. If you are born again, and filled with the Spirit of God, then you should know beyond a shadow of a

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doubt that you’ve been placed in the earth to rule the planet. You can’t be defeated! A person that has been programmed to be victorious doesn’t know defeat! They keep fighting until they win!

Settle the issue and your conflict with insecurity and fear will be over: You are made in the image of God. In other words, God said “I want him to look like Me. I want him to act like Me. I want him to have the same characteristics and abilities that are Mine!”

God has not changed his mind concerning man, despite his many fragility and failings. God still wants man to have control of the planet. He wants them to have dominion over all the earth.

When people submit themselves to a weed like marijuana, it is an indication that the earth is having dominion over them, rather than them having dominion over the earth. They are subjugated to the earth kingdom. They have abdicated their throne to a plant whose smoke is the scepter of strength. Whatever you don’t have dominion over has dominion over you. It’s the same with a person who drinks alcohol. Instead of having dominion over the fruit of the vine, it is having dominion over you. It reduces you from the image that God has created you to be.

God did not change the order when it came to man. Now that you are born again, you are a partaker of His Divine Nature. You’ve been made an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

In Luke 3:23-38, the genealogy of Jesus Christ is traced all the way back to Adam. “Which was the son of Cain, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.” (Luke 3:38) Just like dogs beget dogs, cats beget cats, and monkeys
beget monkeys; God begat God.

Adam was formed in the image of God. He was created to demonstrate the kingdom of God as a lifestyle, not apart from God but in union and in connection with Him. The critical importance of having a relationship with Him is so that you can rule the planet with Him and become His agent in the earth that will proclaim and demonstrate His Kingdom. Men and women both must embrace the fullness of their purpose, reflecting their Creator, for the earth is in travail for the manifestation of the sons of God. It is only though the realization of our true identities in Him that we will experience the liberating power of the gospel of Christ as a living reality in our lives. This is the call...and the manifest destiny to all who name the Name of Christ.
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