

A close-up photograph of a hand with a bandage on the index finger resting on a baseball field's dirt base. The background is blurred, showing the texture of the dirt and the blue stitching of the field.

EncourageMen 2021

The Quest for

Authentic

Manhood

A close-up photograph of a person's hand on a baseball field, with a blue text box overlaid on the left side. The hand is resting on the reddish-brown dirt of the field. The text box is a solid blue rectangle with white text. The background is slightly blurred, showing the texture of the dirt and the person's skin.

Some gear needed

Toughness

Willingness

Courage

Presuppositions

- A. Manhood is in a state of confusion.
- B. Confused men create major problems.

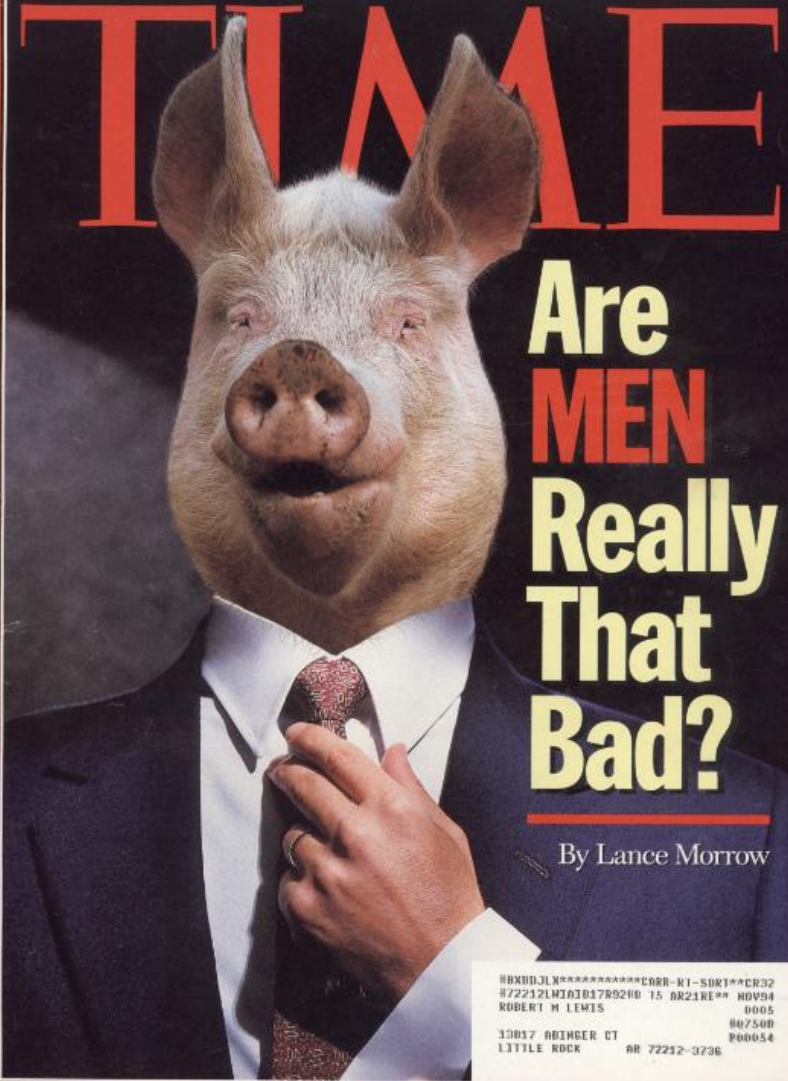
Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse

Mal 4:5-6

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Are MEN Really That Bad?

By Lance Morrow

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Paulson: Wait, see on more rebates

The Treasury chief says he wants to see how stimulus checks help in the third quarter before seeking a second round.

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, a former investment firm executive, says there's absolutely no doubt that Wall Street "got drunk and now it's got a hangover," in understanding the current economic climate. Paulson is taking a wait-and-see approach on a possible second round of economic aid. He says that congressional leaders are pushing to a rebate checks that Bush signed into law in February. The program is the right size to help the economy this year, he said. Paulson wants to see how it helps the economy in July through September and worries about the budget deficit about the second round.

The economy is struggling to cope with rising prices, he said. In a television broadcast Sunday, Paulson said the economic fundamentals about Bush's reformer Goldman Sachs and chief executive officer Lloyd Blankfein were "not as good as they used to be."

In early May, city police arrested two local college students on charges they raped an 18-year-old Albright College freshman after taking her back to her dormitory room from a



WHAT MEN CAN DO

TO STOP RAPE

Prevention never sole responsibility of women, experts say, especially with room full of people

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The circumstances that led to the assault occurred in plain sight of partygoers, according to city police. The lack of intervention in a crowded room raises the question: What responsibilities do bystanders, particularly men, have when they notice trouble like this brewing before them? The problem pits a desire for fun

Over the years, author of the "The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help."

If not, there are other ways to combat sexual and violence.

Police coax 8 from house

After gunshots are fired, the adults hear sirens, run to a city home and lock themselves inside with a 2-year-old, say police, who add that charges are possible.

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Police said Sunday that they expect to file charges after at least eight people locked themselves in a home the night before with guns and a 2-year-old child inside.

Police surrounded the house in the 400 block of Chapel Terrace for about 90 minutes, demanding that the occupants come out. All eventually did so voluntarily, police said. About 10 p.m. Saturday, police found a car with bullet holes in the 1100 block of Cotton Street. One round had struck the car's roof and another broke the rear window. The driver, a 30-year-old man, was

Presuppositions

- A. Manhood is in a state of confusion.
- B. Confused men create major problems.
- C. Confused men settle for less.
- D. There is no lofty vision of manhood that is compelling to men today.
- E. The Bible has insight and answers to all of the above.

Historical Roots of Masculinity Crisis

- A. The Industrial Revolution**
- B. WW II**
- C. Feminism**

5 Manhood Promises

- A. You will have a clear definition of manhood.
- B. You will develop a new manhood language.
- C. You will make significant personal discoveries about yourself.
- D. You will make new friends who are pursuing a common goal.
- E. You will have your own personalized manhood plan for achieving authentic manhood.



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FACES



OF



MANHOOD



4 Faces of Manhood

Face #1:

The King

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4 Faces of Manhood

The King

This face is reflecting:

Righteous Energy

A love of RIGHT!



4 Faces of Manhood

The King

Characterized by:

- Strong Convictions
- Courageous Moral Choices
- A Servant Spirit
- Righteous Leadership



4 Faces of Manhood

The King

Seen in Scripture:

But the path of the righteous is like the shining sun that shines brighter and brighter until the fullness of day.

Proverbs 4:18



4 Faces of Manhood

The King

Seen in Scripture:

A righteous man who walks in his integrity – How blessed are his sons after him.

Proverbs 20:7

4 Faces of Manhood



Face #2:

The Warrior

4 Faces of Manhood The Warrior



The face is reflecting:
Conquering Energy

4 Faces of Manhood

The Warrior

Characterized by:

- Initiative
- Protecting
- Providing
- Persevering
- Fighting



4 Faces of Manhood

The Warrior

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love perseverance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of eternal life unto which you were called.

1 Timothy 6:11-12



4 Faces of Manhood

Face #3: The Lover



4 Faces of Manhood

The Lover

Face is reflecting:

Romantic Energy



4 Faces of Manhood

The Lover

Characterized by:

- Tenderness
- Sensitivity
- Sacrificial Care
- Emotional Openness
- Physical Affection



4 Faces of Manhood

The Lover

Seen in Scripture:

Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.

Ephesians 5:25



4 Faces of Manhood

Face #4:

The Friend

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4 Faces of Manhood

The Friend

Characterized by:

- Loyalty
- Accountability
- Challenge
- Fun



4 Faces of Manhood

The Friend

Seen in Scripture:

**A friend loves at all times, and a
brother is born for adversity.**

Proverbs 17:17

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4 Faces of Manhood

The Friend

Seen in Scripture:

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

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4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

All too often, these honorable faces of manhood are replaced by ugly caricatures.





4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

Abdicator **K** Tyrant

Cold

L

Critical

User

F

Loner

Wimp

W

Destroyer

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4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

Because of our morally-compromised culture, many men today lack a King.





4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

Without a King, the Warrior becomes unrestrained, hurting lives, including his own, in the process.





4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

Our increasingly feminized culture has emasculated the Warrior in many young men.





4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

The result has been the creation of a soft male,
indecisive as to direction,
weak as to leadership.





4 Faces of Manhood

Observations...

**Our world is desperate
for the four-face balance of
real manhood!**

