MenChapter 3 (Discovering Masculinity)

Questions for discussion

1. Is it ok to question your manhood?

I believe every man thinks about his manhood. I equally believe that every woman thinks about their womanhood. She might ask: is she a lawyer or a mother or both? Is he a father, sports star or both? For a man we associate our manhood with sex. Is our penis big or have we become of age with a woman. Are we concerned with becoming prince charming for the ladies? We may say it is not important, but if a woman questions anyone of those things we are threatened.

2. What does masculinity look like?

I look at guys down the street and I see men. My dad is a man. In the mirror I sometimes see a man and sometimes don't. Counselors say that many men have unrealistic views of men. Maybe it's the sports guys fault. We are men right from the start but in our minds it's a different story. Men affect how men turn out. Women can hurt our ego but a father can kill a child inside. Men sharpening men is a double edged sword. It can save us or kill us. What do you see in the mirror?

3. Can we become the modern man-wife?

In our modern era it is honorable and acceptable for men to be women. We can be gay, transsexual, or what I call the man-wife. Just because we can does not mean we should. Women can do many of the things a man can but should they? Men can change diapers and sew but should they? Is losing our masculinity to feminimity ok? Are we men or are we just unisexual? Why is it acceptable for women to be girls, but men cannot be just men?

4. Do you believe what a man allows happens?

We tend to let people tell men what to think and be. Men are notorious for letting others have their way. We are chivalry to the core. We want to give others a good life by being reasonable, charitable, and noble. The problem is that we have defined those terms in the wrong way. When we allow society to change our masculinity it will change society too. Men will not be raised up to be strong and heroes. Think about it, we don't have heroes anymore. We look down on our military and police. Our leaders are seen as hypocrites. Men need to be men.

5. Is masculinity and chivalry synonymous?

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I believe that masculinity and chivalry go hand in hand. It we explore our manhood and affirm our manhood we become the goodness in this world. The heroes of the past knew they were men. Today women want real men but we have stopped raising boys that way. It is dirty to be masculine anymore. Good men are few and far between. Honor, justice, and character do not describe the leaders we have in men. Men cheat, do drugs, and kill. Men rape, watch porn, and sports. Men lie in public and fight against society. Where are the men of integrity these days? They are at home with the children hiding inside while the world is falling apart outside. Male hero's complete community not destroy feminism. We are going crazy as a society because men won't fight any more for what is right.