



# **Men: Chapter 7 (Being Influential)**

## **Questions for discussion**

### **1. Do you think you are influential?**

I want men to find their masculine side and let it blossom into the man they need to be. To be influential is to be many things. To just be strong isn't good enough. Being powerful or rich just doesn't make you influential. Sure status can give you an edge, but it doesn't make you a great leader. To be influential is to impact people in a positive way. They would say "I want to be that guy." Are you that guy?

### **2. Has the fall of the influential man hurt the community?**

If men can kill then men can equally protect. If men can rape then men can equally honor and protect. If many male politicians are liars then they can begin to speak honestly. A husband can respect a wife rather than beat her. It's about restoring men to being understandable and justified. Not in their eyes but the public's eyes. It's time that we make better choices for the community. The Bible says we can't remove the strong man from his house without first binding him up. The reference means that we need strong men to make a community safe. I feel the community is unsafe because the masculine man has been frowned upon, shackled, and silenced.

### **3. Men do wrong in society but we were made to do right.**

As men that is what has happened to us too. We were expected to be the security in the community. Instead for years we have raped, killed, and forced people to live less than stellar lives. We put shackles on Native Americans, African Americans, and women. Men of valor are men that do great feats rather than rule with an iron fist. Men have lost influence because we stopped being men.

### **4. Men are too soft these days.**

Men are far too soft now. We are the generation of entitlements. It's not our fault anymore: we are encouraged to be the victim. The problem comes back to my previous chapter 5. Men are not made to be soft or victims. Men need to pick a good fight now and then, and stand up for what they believe. How can we be influential when we go with the flow all the time? If things always change then what defines a man?

### **5. Are there men today who will hold sway in history?**

To this day John F Kennedy still has sway. We wish we had leaders like him. Was he great? I'm not sure but his influence on us is still there. It's the same way Lincoln's has. It was by the way they were in their influence. In both cases someone got jealous. Someone decided to bring them down. To snuff out the influence they had. It's the same with Jesus. One man shared one truth that God is with us. In 2000 years the influence of Jesus can still be felt.