

## Round Two

### Becoming The Man God Designed

God wants you to ask Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Savior and grow spiritually, so that you can become the man of God that He intended you to be. To continue to be a male, while in a relationship with God, hurts Him; it also hurts you and the others in your life who need you to be a man.

- I. Every male was \_\_\_\_\_ to become a man.
- II. Although it is part of every male's design, manhood does not occur automatically; it must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- III. The choice to become a man demands:
  - A. Courage - To do what is necessary instead of what is easy
  - B. Toughness - To \_\_\_\_\_ the challenges ahead and not shrink from responsibility
  - C. Perseverance - The desire to keep on \_\_\_\_\_ until you get it right
  - D. Learning - Dedication to the continuous \_\_\_\_\_ of more than you presently know
  - E. Reflection - The courageous self-honesty to admit that the current challenges in your life can help you become what you should be

- F. Submission – Believing in and making a commitment to a \_\_\_\_\_ who is outside of your life
  - G. Humility – Recognizing your past errors and personally confronting sin
  - H. Strength-The manhood lifestyle is continually filled with challenges.
  - I. Change – The world is in constant motion which requires men to adapt.
  - J. Ability to choose – The world presents many \_\_\_\_\_, some of which are good and many of which are bad.
  - K. Character – A man must choose to establish and live by standards and principles.
- IV. The characteristics listed above make it harder for us to continue being males and make it more desirable to make the choice to move toward manhood.
- V. Manhood is not a once-and-done stage, but an ongoing state of mind.
- A. You \_\_\_\_\_ whether or not to display a manhood attitude in each situation that you are confronted with.
  - B. Since manhood is not a once-and-done stage, you must be constantly aware of its presence in your life.
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- C. You can slip in and out of manhood at a moment's notice. When you slip out of manhood, you also choose to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and leave God's will for your life behind.
- D. Manhood does not mean perfection. Ninety percent of the time, men respond in a manly way.

VI. Manhood is progressive by its nature, as the next adventure or challenge is sought.

- A. Living in neutral does not last for very long and when it does, a man knows it is an act of regression that can cause him to leave his manhood state.
- B. Your manhood is energized when you open up new compartments of your life through the development of a new manhood skill or through the accomplishment of a goal.
- C. Helping someone as a result of God's call in your life inspires your manhood in ways that the simple act of helping yourself does not. Therefore, there are consistent actions which every male who attains manhood demonstrates; these actions include some form of \_\_\_\_\_.

VII. Manhood is different from womanhood, yet both are of equal value.

- A. God has designed each gender \_\_\_\_\_.

- B. Men and women use different words and emphasize different concepts.
- C. Jesus Christ was willing to die so that both genders could \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

VIII. Manhood is complex. When the Psalmist stated that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made,” he meant it.  
(Psalm 139:14)

- A. All of the elements within a man must be developed in order to live life well in our complex world.
- B. Men have the ability to understand their complex traits. This allows them to create positive change in any situation.
- C. Part of a man’s complex nature is comprised of a dead spirit which needs to be resurrected through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

IX. Manhood cannot be obtained or maintained all by yourself. It requires that you become part of a group of men.  
(Psalm 149:14)

- A. Jesus, as our example, had acquaintance-type relationships and friendships. He also had a group of 12 men to “do life” with in a more intimate way.
- B. Women can assist your growth, but their tendency to ask one more question than you were prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ makes them less helpful to the manhood process.

- C. There is an inherent respect among men for those who have gone before them, men who have been at the upper end of life's chain of command, as well as those who have served as important and wise elders. This drives a male to seek the approval of his elders.
  
- D. Just as it is important to learn what the Bible teaches, manhood demands that believers continue to discover more sophisticated ways to apply it to their daily lives.