**The Assault on Masculinity**

* Masculinity is viewed as a negative thing
* Men are unfairly blamed for the majority of problems in our modern culture
* Men are being told to be more feminine and told to deny their masculinity (Gen. 1:27)
* The media portrays men as incompetent and stupid
* Boys are being medicated because of their natural tendency to be energetic
* Gender lines are being blurred to confuse people about the individual value of masculinity and femininity

**How do we know how we are doing as men?**

1. We need close partnership with Papa
2. We need to understand our design
3. We need a right of passage
4. We need a set of guidelines that act as a metric
5. We need a calling

**Men either build or they destroy. Which one will you choose?**

The 5 Marks of a Man

1. **1. Men have a strong work ethic**

Boys look for ways to get out of work, men understand the value of work

1. **2. Men lead by example**

Boys follow the example of others, men lead others by their own example

1. **Men are meek**

Boys seek to prove their strength, men understand the strength they have and use it in measure

The power to destroy but choose not to use it.

1. **Men are protectors**

Boys are predators, men are protectors

Boys want their pleasure today, men think about a woman’s tomorrow

1. **5. Men have a tender heart**

Boys are ashamed of tenderness, men boldly display it

Boys hide emotion, men are not afraid to show it

1. **6. Men understand the value of intimacy**

Boys show strength by avoiding intimacy, men show strength by embracing it

Intimacy with other men

**Where do you stand?**

Is there any part of you that you feel at war with? If so I encourage you to seek prayer/healing in those areas.

**Resources:**

Title: The 5 Marks of a Man

Author: Brian Tome

ISBN: 978-0801093708

Title: Wild at Heart

Author: John Eldredge

ISBN: 978-1400225262

Warrior Poet Society

Youtube channel: John Lovell

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Order of Man

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