



## ALL IN MEN – BE A MAN

### “The Identity Crisis Stronghold of Men in America”

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines demasculinization as, “to remove the masculine character or qualities of a man.” Men everywhere seem to be trading their God-directed heritage as leaders and allowing a more “politically correct” version of themselves to emerge. How sad it is that we have come to a place in the American culture where Godly men are unable or unwilling to share their faith and lead their families. The media is leading this assault by bombarding the airwaves with messages contrary to the Bible. To be ALL IN Men we must realize that a war against God’s truth is waging and we must prepare ourselves to win this battle.

#### SELF-ASSESSMENT:

> Do you feel pressure to conform to beliefs that you know are counter to God’s?

No	Sort Of			Yes	
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#### CONTENT:

Author Edwin Louis Cole once said, “Perceptions of manhood, gleaned from society’s role models – both good and bad – motivate men in behaviors that are both positive and negative”. Have you considered how you are letting society and those around you mold you and shape you into “their” perception of who you should be? Or, in contrast, are you keeping your eyes on Jesus, and allowing him to change you and strengthen you for the mission He is calling you to? Remember what Hebrews 12:2-3 says, “and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

The identity crisis problem can only be solved by following the ultimate man - Jesus Christ. He is our role model as men of God. We have developed “4 Rules of Leadership” that summarize how you can live your life as a man following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

- Rule 1 – Be A Servant. (Read Mark 10:42-45)
- Rule 2 – Be an Example. People will do as you do, not what you tell them to do (Read 2 Peter 1:5-11)
- Rule 3 – You don’t have to be Perfect. Failure is a part of leadership. Jesus was perfect for you!
- Rule 4 – Have a Vision and Finish Strong. (Read Proverbs 29:18, Proverbs 27:12, Deuteronomy 31:6)

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

>Are you letting your desire to be liked or please others prevent you from being the person God created you to be?

>Why are men allowing themselves to be affected by surrounding pressures to conform?

>What is God’s vision for you as a man?

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#### **CHALLENGE QUESTION:**

>What is stopping you from living your life in the fullness of God’s design as a man?

#### **GET PRACTICAL**

Are you ready to follow God’s blueprint for living as a man in this decaying world? If so, live by these three principles:

**Meet** with other men regularly for the purpose of encouragement and accountability

**Answer** God’s calling to stand up and lead, even in the face of oppression.

**Notice** opportunities to set yourself apart as God’s messenger

#### **SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:**

Hebrews 12:2-3, Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 14:29, 1 Peter 2:21-22, Philippians 2:5-8, Romans 6:16, Matthew 5:13-14