

## FATHERHOOD IS A ROLE, NOT A TITLE;

Why are many social ills caused by men? It may be tempting for some to dismiss males as hopelessly aggressive and domineering, with an essential nature in need of an overhaul. I'd like to present an alternative perspective: the problem is not a biological one of maleness—but a spiritual one of identity. Male identity is not essentially a matter of roles, which vary with culture and shift with changing times—it is a matter of inherent purpose.

Therefore, to address the problems of our society and the world, we must start with the male and how he perceives himself. If men knew who they were and their true reason for being, then their confusion, anger, and destructive behaviours could be replaced with purposefulness, confidence, and a building up of society. When men don't know who they are and what purpose they have in this world, we experience a myriad of cultural problems.

While society is feeling the effects of the male's dilemma, it is also apparently contributing to it by presenting incomplete or confusing ideas of manhood. In this way, society is unknowingly bringing trouble upon itself. This double-edged sword is not new to our generation or our world.

**children from fatherless homes are more likely to be poor, become involved in drug and alcohol abuse, drop out of school, and suffer from health and emotional problems.** Boys are more likely to become involved in crime, and girls are more likely to become pregnant as teens. And this seems to be the case in your neighbourhood and society

How can men gain their footing in the ever-shifting environment of cultural expectations? What does it mean to be male? What definition of masculinity should men adopt? Why is a male's self-concept so important to the foundation of society? What roles should men fulfil—in the workplace and in the home? What do gender roles have to do with the male's purpose? What are the differences between males and females? How are men and women meant to relate to one another? How can a man build a better life for himself, his family, and the world?

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These and so much more are questions Action Five is here to address. We desire to have a generation that understands who they are what they want and how to get where they are going starting with the smallest of the units called a family