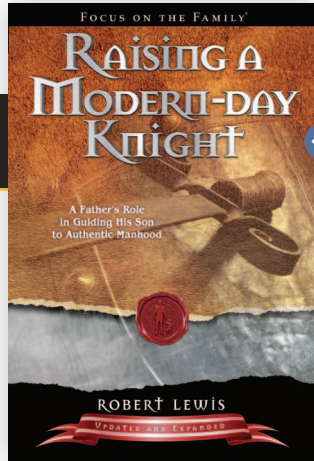


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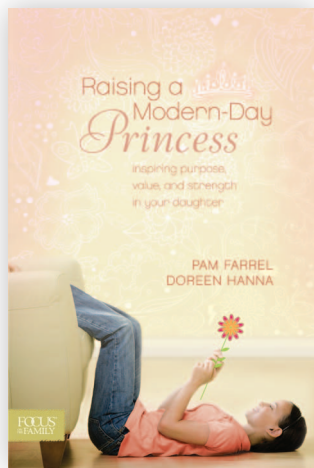


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When does one become a man? Does it “just happen” when a boy reaches puberty or when he leaves home? Does he achieve it when he bags his first buck or drinks his first beer? Does it come with a driver’s license or with a diploma at graduation? Does it take a woman to help him become a man?

And where do you fit into all of this, Dad?

In my estimation, fathers today are coming up short with their sons at three critical points. First, we have failed to deliver to our sons a clear, inspiring, biblically grounded definition of manhood. How critical is that? It’s comparable to a hunter without a gun...or a soccer game without a ball...or a cross-country trip without a map. Telling a boy to “be a man” without defining manhood is like saying, “Be a success.” It sounds good. But, practically it takes you nowhere.

Secondly, most fathers lack directional process that calls their sons to embrace the manhood they should be able to define. Typically, what passes for masculine training in most homes is vague and hit-or-miss. We assume sons will somehow “get it.” But most don’t. Worse still, it handicaps a son in knowing how to move out of childhood and into manhood.

A third shortcoming involves loss of ceremony. How many dads today think of formally commemorating their son’s progress or progress into manhood? Very few. A pioneer of the secular manhood movement, Robert Bly, makes this penetrating observation: “There is no place in our culture where boys are initiated consciously into manhood.”² Manhood ceremonies have, in fact, become a lost art form. And sons have lost these powerful, life-changing moments where, in the presence of Dad and other men, they can mark either their progress toward or passage into manhood. In the absence of these special ceremonies, sons are left to wonder, Am I a man?

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² Robert Bly, from the video “A Gathering of Men,” with Bill Moyers, which aired on PBC.