



Bringing life to your world-part 1

Every man has a strength to offer those around him and this world. However, in this fallen world most men don't truly believe that about themselves or their own hearts. Every man has so much to offer. But, rather than offer their strong heart and life, it's so easy for a man to either hide and not step up to offer his strength. Or, he will turn to drivenness in an effort to control his world. The hiding approach is because a man fears he does not have what it take. The driven approach is because, out of fear, he want's to prove he does so he drives himself and those around him to prove he has what it takes.

Neither one of these approaches are true of the real man that you are. But, for so many, it's possible for a man to go through his entire life and never live from his true self and never really engage to offer his strength. This is tragic. Your world needs the real you. Your world needs you to be engaged. Your world needs you to own who you are. Your world needs your heart and your life coming from a true genuine place—not posing or pretending.

The good news is this: neither of those two approaches (hiding or driving) are what is most true about men and about you in particular. You do in fact have a strong heart and you are courageous to God. Let me say that again. *God created you as a man and you have strength to offer because you are made in the image of almighty God-his masculinity. He actually sees you that way-strong, alive, brave, true, and courageous. He loves the FACT that you are strong and you have a strong and courageous heart and he utterly delights in your and your masculine heart.*

How do you live that out so you embrace it, believe it, and own it so that you become more alive, true, masculine and engaged?

Probably the best way is to get in touch with the desires God has written on your heart. Let's face it, life is difficult and a whole lot of stuff has come against you, your strength, and your strong heart. The result is that for many men, they hide, they go numb, they resign, and they shift into overdrive trying to control everyone and everything in their life and world. In the process they lose their hearts.

On top of that, they have been told to kill their heart by serving, doing, giving, leading, sacrificing and following the rules. So they have. The result is they go through life striving, working, grinding, planning, and executing without meaning to, become drone like and numb to their heart and their God given desires. The focus is often work/career and only that. It's not a good way to live.

The guarantee is this: if a man stays like that he WILL destroy every relationship he has—his relationship with himself, with Jesus, with his wife, with his kids, with his friends, and with those with whom he works. The outcome is ugly, really ugly, and you don't want that.

Next week I will share two things with you that if you will take the risk to engage with them, could well change the course of your life.

In His journey with you,

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