



FATHERLESS HOMES: *The American Crisis of Manhood*

"Being a male is a matter of birth. Being a man is a matter of choice." —Edwin Louis Cole

Pop singer Adelle opened *Pandora's Box* at the recent Non-Binary British Music Awards when she was declared this year's best singer. She raised her trophy and shouted to the world how proud she was to be a woman.

You could hear the echo of Helen Reddy's feminist anthem, "I am woman, hear me roar, in numbers too big to ignore..." Every female in the world, from little girls to old grannies, should have been thrilled.

Instead, the next day, Adelle was condemned by the woke crowd as an "Anti-trans, exclusionist."

I want to give a shout out to Adelle: "You go, girl!" But, even more than that, I'm waiting for some guy to have the guts to stand in front of the world and say, "I'm proud to be a man!"

Okay, I'll do it! "I, Bob Petterson, am proud to be a man!" We have a crisis in manhood today. Our culture is systematically emasculating men. And it's killing our kids. Let's talk about it.

A Real and Present Danger

Fatherless Homes

The National Center for Fathering website claims in a blog, [The Extent of Fatherlessness](#), that there are more than 20 million kids in America who will go to bed in a home without a father tonight.

According to a 1999 national poll taken by the National Center for Fathering, 92% of Americans agreed that the absence of fathers in the home was the greatest crisis facing the American family.

[The Extent of Fatherlessness](#).

1. **Fatherless homes produce poverty.**
2. **Fatherless homes and infant mortality.**
3. **Fatherless homes and teen pregnancy.**
4. **Fatherless homes and runaways.**
5. **Fatherless homes and suicides.**
6. **Fatherless homes and crime.**
7. **Fatherless homes and education.**
8. **Fatherless homes and mass murder.**

[In the age of screens, families are spending more time “alone-together”](#)

In 2012, teens overwhelmingly said that their favorite way to communicate was in person. By 2018, just six years later, that same survey discovered that this had radically changed. 35% said they preferred texting, 16% chose various social media, and 10% liked video chatting. Less than a third said they preferred face-to-face conversations with family or friends.

Studies show that parents are talking less than ten minutes a day in meaningful face-to-face conversations with their children. [More Than Half of Parents Admit They Struggle to Hold a Conversation with Their Kids](#)

A Marxist Strategy.

“BLM at School Week of Action Program.”

The dismantling of Manhood.

Trend forecasting agency J. Walter Thompson Innovation Group found that only 48% of 13-20-year-olds identify as “exclusively heterosexual,” compared with 65% of millennials aged 21-34. [Less Than 50%25 of Teens Identify as Straight, Says New Study](#)

Answers from God's Word

Remember, we are called to follow Jesus. Jesus was counter-culture, and so are we. Jesus swam upstream, and so should we. Brad Pitt, John Wayne, or Snoop Dog don't tell us how to be men, or raise men. God has defined men. The Bible begins with these statements: "And God said, let us create man...in our image. In the image of God, male and female, he created them..." [Genesis 1:25-27]

- 1. Get your identity and purpose from the Bible, not culture.** [2 Timothy 3:16&17]

- 2. Jesus is the "Real Man" for real men.** [Genesis 2&3; Ephesians 4:13; Ephesians 5]

- 3. In an increasingly non-binary world, we need to embrace the binary nature of God's creation.** [Genesis 2&3]

- 4. Manhood is "caught" more than it is taught.** [1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Corinthians 3:2&3]

- 5. Women, encourage your men to be men!** [Ephesians 5:22-24]

- 6. Give your sons what God gave His.** [Matthew 3:17]
 - Identity

 - Affirmation

 - A Blessing Ceremony

- 7. Be a surrogate father to a single mom's son. Or a surrogate mother to a single mom's daughters.**