

Where Are The Men — 8/04/24

TEXT – Ezekiel 22:30 *And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*

INTRO –

Being a man, functioning as a man, taking responsibility as a man, thinking like a man, acting like a man, working like a man, all of these are what it means to be man.

It's a dying art today...there are not many in our nation anymore.

Thank God we DO have a few good men at our church!

When a man says "TAKE A BREAK, HONEY. YOU ARE WORKING TOO HARD" He means: "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner"

When a man says 'THAT'S INTERESTING DEAR.'

He means: "Are you still talking?"

When a man says "CAN I HELP WITH DINNER"

He means: "Why isn't it ready yet?"

When a man says 'OH, DON'T FUSS, I JUST CUT MYSELF. IT'S NO BIG DEAL"

When a man says "YOU LOOK TERRIFIC!"

He means: "Oh please don't try on one more outfit, we're late and I'm starving."

When a man says "I'M NOT LOST. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE." He means: "No one will ever see us alive again."

When a man says "I don't think I can go today."

He means: Shopping is NOT a sport.

When a man says, "that's not what I meant."

He means: "If something I said can be interpreted two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, I meant the other one.

In America we have concentrated so much on women's rights that we have lost the leadership of men.

If it were not for some godly women some of our churches could not function. But where are the men in our society?

I. Where are the Great leaders?

Teddy Roosevelt shot in the chest and continued his speech for more than 50 minutes. See "The man in the Arena"

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) Founding Father and author of The Declaration of Independence (1776). "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," Third President of the US.

Winston Churchill was the prime minister of the United Kingdom during World War II and, helped bring about the defeat of the German Third Reich.

Henry Ford didn't just begin the Ford Automotive Company, which is still in operation today. He revolutionized production by creating an assembly line.

Thomas Edison is most famous for his invention of the light bulb, but he did much more than that. Believed by many to be America's greatest inventor, he also invented the phonograph

Boys used to play rough and tumble games, worked with their hands, got dirty, and accepted responsibility. They were willing to fight and die for their country.

Unfortunately, many young men today have become soft and in some cases feminine. Where are the men?

II. Where Are The Great Preachers?

Men like Tom Malone, Lee Roberson, Monroe Parker, Maze Jackson, Billy Kelly, Oliver B Greene, Harold Sightler, along with many others
Where are the men of faith?

Hebrews 11 – Men and women of faith

George Muller's orphanage

David Livingston Missionary to the dark continent of Africa

Every generation eventually passes off the scene and new young courageous men must take their place.

Jesus only prayer request was

Matthew 9:37-38 *Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*

Men of integrity needed:

2 Timothy 2:5 *And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.*

III. Who Will Be The Next Generation of Men?

Proverbs 20:6 *Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?*

Men called of God

Faithful Men

1 Corinthians 4:2 *Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.*

Men of sacrifice

Men with vision

Men with passion

Men with ambition

Men with courage

Men mentoring men

Titus 2:6-8 *Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.*

2 Timothy 2:2 *And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to **teach others also.***

CONCL – “The Man in The Arena” Speech by Teddy Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”