

# NOBLE WARRIORS

A CHRISTIAN  
MINISTRY TO THE  
MEN OF TODAY AND  
TOMORROW

## READ THESE...

- But the noble man makes noble plans and by noble deeds he stands. Isaiah 32:8
- Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. Psalms 127:4-5a

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE ARROW?

Think of your children as arrows that you will some day send off into the world. In order to be effective, they must be straight and sharp. They won't get that way by themselves. You must set the standard and lead them.

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## NOBLE WARRIORS: HUMBLE ORIGINS

Noble Warriors is an independent men's ministry started by Mike Young in Chesterfield County Virginia. In short the NW objective is to assist local churches with their efforts to "Call Men Out and Call Them Up". Here's the story...

In early 2004, I began to sense that I was out of place in the construction industry. Although things were going well, God didn't make me to build houses. He made me for ministry. My wife, Stacy, and others agreed. For the good of our family, I needed to respond to God's call. The question was, Called to what?

We prayerfully determined that we would make ourselves and our family available to whatever that might be. In November, I attended the National Coalition of Men's Ministries (NCMM) conference in Northern Virginia. I returned to Richmond with much enthusiasm. I have, for some time, felt that men need more ministry attention. Now, a new question was before us, How could God use me to meet some of those needs?



Mike explains the "arrow" concept to couples at New Hanover Presbyterian Church.

Prayer, pondering and Bible study produced the concept of Noble Warriors. On the side bar of this page, you will see two key verses, Isaiah 32:8 and Psalms 127:3-4 from which the name was developed. I often see that nobility in manhood has been neglected and should be restored. I also think it critical that we see ourselves as warriors who have to prepare not only ourselves but our children (arrows) to prevail against cultural and spiritual challenges each day.

Many agree that most men, including myself, could benefit from direct, targeted, coaching,

training and encouragement about how to be a better man, husband and/or father. You will find, throughout this newsletter, a variety of information about what we hope Noble Warriors will be able to offer to men, churches and communities. I often tell others that NW will assist churches by allowing them to 'outsource' some of their men's ministry efforts. In future newsletters I will explain this further.

Currently, efforts are focused on building name recognition and visibility for the ministry. I write and distribute a weekly men's devotional, Noble Notes, via e-mail. The list of subscribers is constantly growing. (Visit the Noble Notes page at [www.noblewarriors.com](http://www.noblewarriors.com) to subscribe.) I am also seeking opportunities to speak to men's groups, as well as entire congregations about this ministry and the needs that I see for men in the church to be challenged to step up to authentic, Biblical manhood. If your church or pastor might be interested, contact me at (804) 347-4507 or [myoung@noblewarriors.org](mailto:myoung@noblewarriors.org).



## UPCOMING NOBLE WARRIOR EVENTS

It is our desire to partner with local churches, ministries and organizations to "Call Men Out and Call Them Up". To that end, Mike and other Noble Warriors seek to be involved in a variety of ministry efforts. The following is a list of events in which NW is involved. Please pray for God's guidance and our effectiveness as God's ambassadors to men.

**August 21:** Stockton Memorial Baptist Church – Mike stands in for Pastor Doug Watson

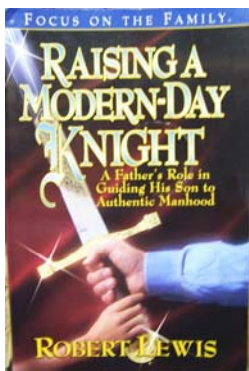
**September 16-17:** Swift Creek Baptist Church – Home Improvement Workshops for Men

**Starting in September—Men's Fraternity™, The Quest for Authentic Manhood.** Locations and times to be announced.



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*“If you want them to talk with you in the future, start now to make sure they know you will listen.”*



*Raising a Modern Day Knight—a Father’s Role in Guiding His Son to Authentic Manhood.* Tyndale House Publishers.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT

### FOR HUSBANDS...

Many of you are familiar with *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. The five primary love languages are quality time, acts of service, gifts, physical touch

and words of affirmation. Initiate a conversation with your wife about these “languages of love”. What does she need from you that she’s not getting? Don’t turn the conversation to what you need, focus on her. Even if it makes you uncomfortable,

LISTEN. Then try to meet her need. You may be surprised by how things change in your home when you seek to meet her needs. Need some ideas???

| If her language is .... | Try this....   |
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| Quality Time            | Take her for a stroll in the neighborhood.   |
| Acts of Service         | Play with the kids for an hour so she can be alone elsewhere in the house, perhaps enjoying a bubble bath. |
| Gifts                   | Stop and get her some flowers. Five minutes and \$5 buys a bouquet of happiness at Ukrops.                 |
| Physical Touch          | Give her a back rub or shoulder massage. <i>Expecting nothing else.</i>                                    |
| Words of Affirmation    | Tell her she is beautiful and that you cherish her. (Bonus points if others overhear your comments.)       |



### FOR FATHERS...

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says, These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

How can you talk about spiritual

matters or anything with your children if you don’t spend time with them? Consider making a special effort to take a child with you whenever possible. If you have to make a quick trip to the paint store, take your daughter and talk with her. If you need to go pick up something from the grocery, take your son and have a conversation with him. If you want them to talk with you in the future, start now to make

sure they know you will listen. Talk about things that interest them, not you. Try not to be critical, just enjoy the precious time alone with this child. Be prepared and prayerful, for somewhere along the line you will have an opportunity to plant a seed of spiritual truth.



## NW BOOK REVIEW: RAISING A MODERN DAY KNIGHT

*Raising a Modern Day Knight*, by Robert Lewis (Tyndale House Publishers) is a challenging and compelling book that will help fathers (and mothers) understand the significance of Dad’s influence on his son’s journey to manhood. Lewis gives some details about his own rocky road to manhood and expresses how he wanted his sons to have a different experience. Through purposeful teaching, experiences

and ceremonies, he has helped his sons understand what a man is and how he should live.

The book is filled with wisdom and practical tips that can help you shape your boy into a man. Dad, you are the key, “When a dad imparts a code of conduct, when he establishes boundaries and reinforces truth, a son is *forever strengthened.*” p. 65.

I will be using things I learned from this book to shape my sons, Timothy, Zachery and Benjamin. Wives, buy a copy for your husband!

Robert Lewis developed the **Men’s Fraternity**™ curriculum we will be using to challenge and build-up men in local churches this fall. Visit [www.mensfraternity.com](http://www.mensfraternity.com) for more information.

## NW MINISTRY PLAN

**MISSION:** Encourage men to enter into deepening relationship with Christ in order to prepare themselves and future generations to think and act nobly.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Men on the fringe of Christianity who are not experiencing the abundant life Christ offers his followers in John 10:10. They may have some church experience or background but are not experiencing Spiritual growth. They are fence-sitters, men who may or may not have made a commitment to Christ but are familiar with Spiritual things. They may not be fully satisfied with their marriage, career, or life and want to improve these areas.



### GOAL I: GATHER RECRUITS

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, **follow me**,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Matthew 4:18-20

**Objective:** Develop a network of at least 500 men (pastors, lay leaders, laymen, students) who are candidates for participation in Noble Warriors activities.



### GOAL II: NOBLE-IZE MEN

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, **train yourself to be godly**. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:7-8

**Objective A:** Utilize a variety of strategies to challenge men to use a **biblical model of manhood** as their standard rather than contemporary culture’s standard.

**Objective B:** Provide an ongoing menu of **enrichment activities** which provide men practical strategies to use as they lead and serve their families.

**Objective C:** Encourage all men within the Noble Warriors sphere of influence to invest themselves in **personal spiritual growth** as well as the **spiritual growth of their families**.



### GOAL III: COMMISSION WARRIORS

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. **Go! I am sending you...** Luke 10:2-3  
For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 1 Timothy 1:7

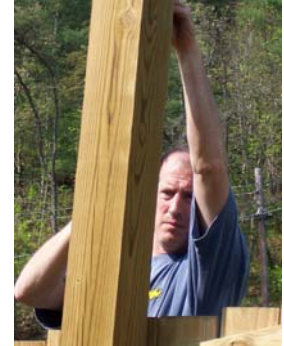
**Objective A:** Empower men to **lead and serve** more faithfully and confidently in their **homes and churches**.

**Objective B:** Challenge spiritually renewed men to find **other men** whom they can encourage and **mentor toward spiritual maturity**.

**Objective C:** Provide opportunities for men to **serve others** through work projects in the community, region, state and beyond.



Warriors work with their tools at Camp Alkulana in Bath Co. VA.



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Two generations of Warriors work on a service project at Camp Alkulana.

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## CALLING MEN OUT AND CALLING THEM UP!

### BLESSINGS



Stacy and I think it is important to share with you how God has prepared us for this endeavor and is leading us through the always challenging course of starting something completely new. We are both unbelievably fortunate and humbled to have families and friends who encourage and support us in many ways. We have been moved by prayer support and verbal encouragement in many settings. One particularly inspiring event was an impromptu "commissioning prayer" offered by Pastor Jay Carrey and the congregation at **Bethia United Methodist Church** on Scout Sunday in February. This unexpected show of support will be long remembered. Other "Blessings" have taken a variety of forms. Some are listed below, others will be noted in future editions of the Battle Bulletin.

- **Avent Homes Inc.** provides office space, telephone, internet, and copier access.
- **Ztech Inc.** - provided web-site development and a variety of technical services.
- **Digipix Photography**— provided photography services and graphic design assistance.
- Several **Supportive Individuals** have made financial contributions to help with start-up costs.
- A number of folks have helped us with child-care so Stacy could attend events with me or be involved in planning sessions.

Finally, many have prayed for this endeavor and continue to do so. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement. We will keep you posted on the progress of Noble Warriors.

### NOBLE NEEDS



Honestly, this is going to be one of the toughest things for me to address in this ministry. I have always been proud of my independence. (Often sinfully prideful.) This fact, in some ways, gets to the heart of men's ministry. God wisely built into the masculine spirit a desire for independence. Unfortunately, many of us become so extremely independent that we won't allow ourselves to rely on others or accept help. We become like two-year-olds in men's bodies. Shouting to others, "I can do it myself!"

The truth is that we can't "do it ourselves". We need help. Stacy and I will need your help. God has blessed us so that we have the financial latitude to commit to getting this ministry off the ground. Our personal resources, however, are not infinite. We have confidence that we are in God's will and he will provide in His way and His timing.



**Mike and Stacy with Ben, Tim, Hannah and Zach.**

At this point we are hopeful that God will inspire individuals, businesses and churches to catch a glimpse of the Noble Warriors vision and desire to partner with us in prayer and financial support as we seek to call men out and call them up.

To that end, please pray for the following:

Men who will step up and lead

their families when challenged and encouraged by other men through Noble Warriors.

God's guidance for Michael as he meets with individuals and churches to discuss men's ministry and develop Noble Warriors.

Host churches who will capture the vision and express a desire to sponsor and participate in Noble Warriors events.

Provision of an LCD projector to use for presentations and events.

The possibility of supporting Noble Warriors as a financial partner. If you feel moved, you may send any contributions to our home address listed on the sidebar of this page.

We will petition the IRS this Fall for 501 (c)(3) tax exempt status which will hopefully be granted by year's end.