

READ THIS...
Psalms 15

1. Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill?
2. He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart
3. And has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man,
4. Who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts,
5. Who lends money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things will never be shaken.

NOBLE NOTES

DO YOU GET IT?

Noble Notes is a weekly devotional for men. Nearly 200 men are on the e-mail subscription list and are challenged to be better husbands and fathers in each installment. Go to www.noblewarriors.org to subscribe.

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NOBLE WARRIORS: GAINING GROUND

The ministry of Noble Warriors is picking up steam as we head into the fall. While there are still many organizational decisions to make and tasks to complete, the real work of the ministry, impacting men, is underway. Consider these statistics:
****The Noble Notes mailing list is growing weekly. Nearly 200 individuals in at least three states receive the weekly devotional via e-mail. Based on comments I have received, many forward the file to friends and family.**



Processing material from *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* at Countryside Christian Church.

****The first Battle Bulletin newsletter was well received and sparked much interest. Over 300 hard copies were distributed in addition to the electronic distributions. Many asked for and/or printed extra copies to share with friends, relatives**

and churches.
****34 men are participating weekly in *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. It is noteworthy to mention that these men represent at least seven local churches.**
****Five men logged 26 hours of work in our first community service project, painting a widow's house in the Grange Hall School area. Those men represented two churches.**
****Recently, Michael has been able to challenge men in a variety of settings including: Pastoral supply, leading large and small group conference sessions, church men's meetings and teaching *The Quest*.**
****Our first NW sponsored marriage enrichment event is scheduled for Friday, October 21.**

The strides being made in this ministry are not insignificant. Keep in mind, each of these connections or events allows men to learn about themselves, encourage each other and experience a positively focused male community. Be encouraged! I hope you will join me in celebrating the work that God

is doing. *They will celebrate your abundant goodness...Ps. 145:7*



Noble Warrior's first community service project! Recently, I asked some of the men who have participated in NW activities to comment. Read on...
 "I'm not a morning person, but I get up for this..."
 "I have invited 5 men to join us on Wednesday and every one has been moved to continue coming." DL on *The Quest*
 Thanks for the Noble Notes that you send over. It does mean a lot to me. This last one was a real kicker. TC
God is working in these lives!



UPCOMING NOBLE WARRIOR EVENTS

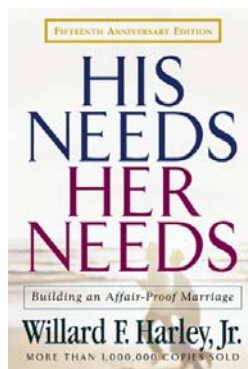
We are constantly looking for ways to partner with local churches to serve as a ministry resource. Mike is available for pulpit supply, men's breakfasts, retreats, conferences or special events for large or small groups. Call Mike at (804)347-4507 or e-mail myoung@noblewarriors.org to schedule.
Ongoing—Men's Fraternity™, *The Quest for Authentic Manhood*. Four sessions weekly, Check website for times and locations

- October 20** – Mike speaks to the MOPS group at West End Assembly of God
- October 21** – Marriage enrichment event in the Charter Colony Subdivision (Details inside)
- November 4** – Marriage enrichment event for MOPS and POPS at Crestwood Presbyterian.
- November 5**—MOPS Council Meeting at Crestwood Presbyterian
- November 12**—Men's breakfast at Swift Creek Baptist Church



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HOME IMPROVEMENT

FOR HUSBANDS...

Many experts on the subject of marital relations remind us that men and women are made differently. (Aren't you glad?) There are obvious physical differences, but perhaps some of the most important differences are not so plainly visible. Guys, we need to remember that, for the most part, our wives deal with life on more of an emotional level than we do. That's not to say that men can't be emotional or women are always emotional. But, as a general rule,

your wife is going to approach many aspects of life with an emotional bias. Consequently, she may need more emotional support than you realize. As I observe our culture, I see many

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women who are emotionally drained by the work of mothering, managing the home and often working a job or handling

other responsibilities outside the home. When wives are drained by all the other roles they fill, they find it difficult to step into the role of a loving wife. May I suggest that you, no we, on an occasional basis set our needs and desires aside and engage our wives on an emotional level. Turn off the TV, put down the paper, hold her hand and find out how she's really doing. It may be uncomfortable at first, but I think if we make a genuine effort to meet their emotional needs, many aspects of our home life will improve.



FOR FATHERS...

What are you passing on to your children? Many men are significantly concerned with the material things and opportunities they can give to their children. They want them to have the best childhood experience possible and want for nothing. Many fathers create a trap for themselves and their children by wanting to make sure the kids have "more than I did when I was a child." I say this is a trap because it can lead to a multi-

tude of unintended consequences.

For one thing, children who start out with everything expect everything. Many families go deep into debt and crisis because of their inability to say "NO" to their children's louder and louder demands. Secondly, the fabric of the family is torn when parents must work or sacrifice at unhealthy paces or levels in order to provide for their children's material and entertainment expectations.

What is the answer? One might be to **just simplify**. Consider cutting back on the stuff you buy and the activities you allow your children to become involved in. You may find that eliminating one or two small demands on your financial position and/or your time will help you reduce overall stress and give you more time and energy to be an involved father. Ultimately, your children need, a dad, not a big vacation or another ball team to play on.



NW BOOK REVIEW: HIS NEEDS, HER NEEDS BY WILLARD HARLEY

In marriage, men and women have different needs. Typically, husbands and wives each spend energy to meet the needs that are most important to them instead of their spouses. In *His Needs, Her Needs Building an Affair-Proof Marriage*, Willard Harley presents two lists. One is a list of a wife's primary needs in marriage. The other is a list of a husband's primary needs.

Drawing from his thirty-plus years of counseling experience, Harley explains each need and offers suggestions to help wives and husbands understand how to meet the other's needs and increase the health of the marital relationship.

This book is often used in premarital counseling as it gives much insight into the different worlds of husbands and wives.

Reading it will certainly spark conversation and help you understand more about how your wife's needs are different from your own. It will also give you some practical tips to help you meet her needs.

This ideas presented in this book will be the foundation of the first NW sponsored marriage enrichment event on October 21.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

NW BOARD OF DIRECTORS NAMED

To this point, I have been making all the decisions and plans for the ministry of Noble Warriors. I wish to remain very active in this process but I also feel the need to place myself, as well as the affairs and management of Noble Warriors, under the direction of a group of noble men whom I trust to hold me accountable and act in the best interest of the ministry.

Consequently I have prayerfully asked four men to join me in serving as the first Board of Directors for Noble Warriors. Their names are listed in the box in the margin. I am grateful to them for their commitment and willingness to serve. I am also thankful for the encouragement and support they have already shown for the ministry of Noble Warriors. I know of their commitments to Christ and the betterment of men. I

look forward to working with them to develop and implement the ongoing plans for the ministry.

This is just one of many important organizational steps which establishes long-term viability, promotes effectiveness and fosters sound stewardship principles for Noble Warriors. Other actions of this nature are pending. Read on....



NW APPLYING FOR 501 (C) (3) - TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

Noble Warriors was incorporated in the spring of this year. At that time, I consulted with a CPA to discuss the IRS application for tax-exempt status. Her recommendation was to wait several months so we could establish the organization and

develop budgeting and fundraising strategies. These processes are underway. I am hopeful that within 30 days we will submit our completed application to the IRS. In the mean-time, Noble Warriors can accept donations from

contributors, we cannot, at this point however, give donors a tax exempt receipt. Once tax-exempt status is granted, we will mail your tax-exempt contribution statement for your records. I will keep you posted on our progress.



NW WEBSITE, WWW.NOBLEWARRIORS.ORG, UPDATED

One of the first things we did at the beginning of Noble Warriors was establish a web presence. Thanks to Z-Tech Inc., the NW site has been up for some time and has recently been revised and updated.

Our hope is that it will serve not only as a source of information about NW but that it will increase in its usefulness and

appeal. If you haven't been lately, please visit us on the web at www.noblewarriors.org. Feel free to make comments or suggestions by sending the webmaster an e-mail at the "contact us" link.

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A VISION FOR THE FUTURE...

Another aspect of organizational development for Noble Warriors is that of adopting a long range plan. The Board of Directors and others will be looking into the future to see how the overall impact and effectiveness of the ministry will change and improve over the years. New ministry opportunities and strategies will be considered, as

well as budgeting, capitol and staffing needs. Although the concept is new and unique, I believe the Noble Warriors strategy of community-based men's ministry is viable and will continue to grow.

Consideration is already being given to increasing community visibility, developing program-

ming for radio ministry, sponsoring monthly marriage enrichment and parenting seminars, offering family worship experience for families with young children, increasing the Noble Warriors presence on the internet and adding new features to the Battle Bulletin, We'll keep you posted on developments.

NOBLE WARRIORS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Rich Babbitt**—Men's Leader from Countryside Christian Church
- Rev. James Carey Jr.**—Pastor of Bethia United Methodist Church
- Doug Ingram**—Counselor and Instructor from the Christian Counseling and Training Center
- Todd Wyngaard**—Director of X-Zone After-school Program for Teenagers
- Mike Young**—Executive Director of Noble Warriors

The first Noble Warriors Marriage Enrichment Event is Scheduled for Friday, October 21, 7—9 pm in Charter Colony Subdivision. Mike will present a seminar based on His Needs, Her Needs. Space is limited so RSVP to Mike via phone 804.347.4507 or email, myoung@noblewarriors.org.



A warrior at work on our service project near Grange Hall School.

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Overheard by Mike:

“There’s nothing out there like this” *Quest Participant*

“This is his deal. He wants to do it. I don’t even remind him. He gets up and leaves.” *Wife of a 6 AM Quest participant*

“It would be great if we had something like this on every corner.” *Insurance researcher asking questions about Noble Warriors*



CALLING MEN OUT AND CALLING THEM UP!

BLESSINGS



When I speak individuals or groups about the progress of Noble Warriors, I often say that I can’t believe what God is doing. We are only beginning to get organized and there are many things that I have on lists to be accomplished. However, even in these early stages it is clear to see that the need for this type of ministry is great. When needs are great, God’s blessings will be great. Noble Warriors has already been blessed in many ways. Here are a few examples:

Resourced Computer Solutions of Virginia has been quite helpful with computer hardware and software purchases.

Generous individuals have made financial contributions totaling over \$4,000 to help with start-up costs. Some recent contributions were used to purchase a DLP projector that is used at least four times each week in presentations.

Bethia United Methodist Church, Countryside Christian Church, Second Branch Baptist Church, Parkway Baptist Church, Stockton Memorial Baptist Church and Swift Creek Baptist Church have invited NW to participate in some men’s ministry events.

Perhaps I am most thankful for the comments like these...

Learning to walk in the footsteps of Christ is a true Christian calling to every man. I have seen men become vulnerable and confident in sharing their walk with others Wednesday mornings. The work you have accepted will remain in my prayers daily. DL on The Quest

One of the things I have learned from Noble Warriors is the idea that being a friend is an intentional act. In this case, it occurred to me that one of the people I need to be intentional about is my dad. Dad doesn’t want to bother me with his troubles, but he will casually mention important things at relaxed moments. I asked him to have breakfast with me every week. We have already shared some important things and look forward to the time together. DF on The Quest

NOBLE NEEDS



I continue to be humbled by the generosity of others. Many have said, “How can we help?” The initial response to that is easy. The most important thing we can do is pray. Here are some specific things you might pray for:

- **God’s will and desires for this ministry to be clearly evident to our new Board as we develop ministry plans for NW.
- **Speedy IRS approval of our 501 (c)(3) Tax-Exempt application.
- **A source for a liability insurance policy for the ministry.
- **Men and their families to be positively affected by NW activities.
- **Strong turnout for our first marriage enrichment event.
- **New contacts at local churches who share a desire to increase spiritual growth opportunities for men.
- **Growth for the ministry both in numbers of individuals impacted and the depth of impact.
- **Finally, Pray for me and my family. I need and desire your



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

prayer support. The potential impact of the ministry of Noble Warriors is significant. I want to make sure that NW is fully God’s ministry, not mine. So pray for me to “wait upon the Lord”. That’s tough for me sometimes. Another thing you can do is be an ambassador for Noble Warriors. After you read this newsletter, pass it on to a friend, co-worker or pastor. Visit our

website and learn more about the ministry. Share the address with others. Subscribe to Noble Notes and pass the weekly devotional on to others who may benefit. If a particular devotional, article or event impacts your life please share your experience with me via e-mail so I can, with your permission, pass your stories on to others.

And finally, you could help financially. I make every effort to minimize this aspect of the ministry. Stacy and I are thankful for the support we have received thus far and want to be good stewards of all God has entrusted to us. However, we will need the financial backing of generous individuals, businesses and churches to keep going. You can send financial support to our PO Box address in the left margin or use PayPal to contribute via the website. Thanks in advance for anything you may do to support Noble Warriors.