

# God's Men

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The book of Luke 5:27- 28 (NKJV) says, ***“After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.”***

When Jesus called John, James, Peter and Andrew, they immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. These were good men who dedicated their lives to helping the poor, taking care of the widows and orphans, and preaching the acceptable year of the Lord.

I feel in my heart that we need to be so careful in these last days that we don't marginalize men. At the moment, there is a move all over the world for women's rights and speaking against gender abuse. I want to make it very clear that I'm supporting that movement one hundred per cent, in terms of standing up against men who abuse women. If there is one thing in life that really upsets me, it's when I hear about a man who beats up a woman and abuses children. There is nothing that is more disturbing to my soul than to hear those reports!

I have been privileged to speak at several Mighty Men conferences. I've been so encouraged to see thousands of men worshipping God; repenting before God; promising to be the prophet, priest and king in their home – to direct their families, to put bread on the table and to lead from the front when it comes to worshipping and spending time with the Lord.

I really want to bring the balance today.

Not all men are evil. Men have a role to play in the home. Yes, I agree that there are men who are not pulling their weight... That is the purpose of the Mighty Men movement: to teach men to be good fathers, husbands and citizens. It is to teach men to love, respect and cherish women; to bring up children and discipline them in the ways of the Lord. The Bible tells us very clearly that if we bring our children up in the ways of the Lord, when they grow old they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Whenever a man introduces me to his wife, within a couple of minutes I can see whether that man is taking his rightful role in the home or not. If his wife is looking beautifully turned out, at peace and she is content, I know that her husband is loving her, protecting her and providing for her. Unfortunately if I see a man whose wife is looking haggard, nervous, uptight and fearful, I know that man is probably neglecting his wife. If his children are out of order and bad mannered, I know that man is an absentee father. But I have had the privilege of meeting so many wonderful men, who are masculine and strong physically, spiritually and mentally; men who are stable, who respect women, and who are determined to see our beloved South Africa change for the better.

I ask all ladies that are reading this article to please pray for your men; build them up and encourage them in the ways of the Lord. Nothing breaks a man down more than a woman who continually nags. The Bible talks about a nagging woman, who is like a dripping tap. Rather speak



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to your husband, explain to him your situation and work through it together.

The strength of this nation, South Africa – and indeed the world – is dependent on the strength of the family. When the family unit is restored, strong and progressing, the

country does so also. My prayer is that we would all – as men, women and children – take our rightful positions at home. Putting God first, living according to the Word of God, and then we know without a doubt that things will change from the family right up to the president of the country.

As the saying goes, **“Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater”**. Not all men are evil; not all men abuse women and children... Unfortunately, there are those that do, but they are not in the majority.

Let us esteem our men, make them the head of the home; let the women be the heart of the home; and let the children be the life of the home – and God will do the rest.

May God bless you as you really start to look at the family unit through the eyes of God!