

# THE MANHOOD QUEST

TOWARDS AUTHENTIC MANHOOD

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From the research of Robert Lewis

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# Session 1

## The Compass Every Man Must Have!

### The King (Servant-leader )

Reflecting: RIGHTEOUS ENERGY

- Convictions
- Courageous choices
- Servant Spirit
- Righteous leadership

“The path of the righteous is like the first light of dawn shining ever brighter until the full light of day.” *Proverbs 4:18*

“The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.” *Proverbs 20:7*

### The Warrior

Reflecting: CONQUERING ENERGY

- Initiative
- Protecting
- Providing
- Persevering
- Fighting ... the good fight!

“But you man of God, flee all this and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” *1 Timothy 6:11, 12*

What constitutes the “good fight?”

What immediately comes to mind?

## The Good Fight

“Calling:” What does God want?

“Higher Purpose” eg. Daniel and Joseph

Core values: What do I stand for?

Conscience: What must I stand against?

## The Lover 恋人

Reflecting: ROMANTIC ENERGY

- Tenderness
- Sensitivity
- Openness
- Sacrificial care
- Physical affection

“Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her.”

*Ephesians 5:25*

What is the greatest need of a wife?

What is the greatest need of a child?

## The Brother 兄弟

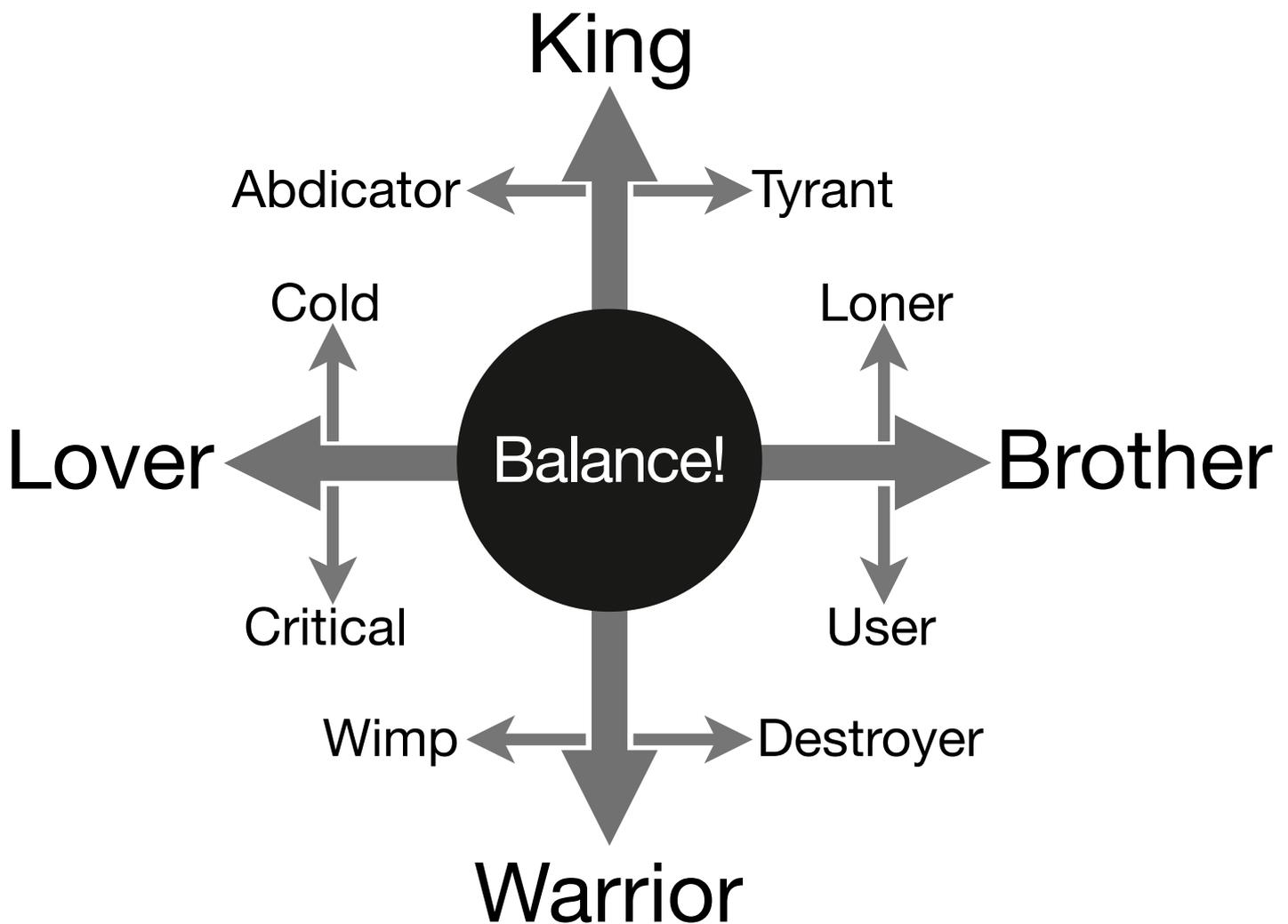
Reflecting: CONNECTING ENERGY

- Loyalty
- Mutual accountability
- Shared challenges
- Fun

“A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity.” *Proverbs 17:17*

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” *Proverbs 27:17*

# The Masculine Compass



All too often these faces are replaced by ugly caricatures.  
Not seeking *perfection* ... rather *balance!*

## Observations

- Because of a morally compromised culture many men today lack a King. Without a King the Warrior becomes unrestrained ...
- Because of “success and sophistication,” culture emasculates the Warrior in many young men. The result has been the creation of the soft male, indecisive as to direction, and weak in leadership.
- Our world is desperate for the four faced balance of real manhood!
- Let’s step up ...

## Questions

- How does this lesson directly pertain to the daily life of the “upward mobile” Asian male? What struck you as most important? Why?
- What points on the compass do we most readily handle? Why?
- What points on the compass do we struggle most with? Why?
- What can we do as “friends” to help one another lead a balanced life?

# Session 2

## A “Brotherhood Faith”

### The Basis of Real Brotherhood

NOT:

- 4 strong men + 1 paralytic
- 4 strong men able to solve a weak man’s problem

RATHER it starts with recognizing:

- Each man needing Jesus
  - He is the Savior, Healer
- Men needing each other
  - We each take turns to be on the mat
  - Four men required to carry the paralytic man to Jesus
- Men doing what it takes [i.e. courage, audacity]

IT REQUIRES:

- Men doing what it takes [i.e. courage, audacity]
- A faith that Jesus will save
- A faith that Jesus can heal

ULTIMATE RESULTS:

- A once-paralyzed man rising up!
- A once-paralyzed man able to walk again!
- Glory to God!

### Every Man Needs a Band of Brothers

- Who are your brothers?
- Who knows when you are struck down and lying helpless on a mat?
- Who can you call at 2 am?

## The Word of God

*Woe to the man who falls and there is not another to pick him up ... Ecclesiasties 4:10*

A cord of three strands is not easily broken. *Ecclesiasties 4:12b*

## Discussion Questions

1. What struck you today about the presentation?
2. Every man needs a band of brothers – are you convinced?
3. Who are your brothers? Who can you call at 2 am?