



## No Regrets Men's Conference

February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Discussion Questions

### Authentic Manhood

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Tierce is a member of a group of pastors that have developed a men's training series called 33 the Series in which men are taught what it means to demonstrate "Authentic Manhood." Most of us are familiar with 'Conventional Manhood'. This is a state of mind in which 1 Corinthians. 13:11b has not been successfully applied: "When I become a man, I put childish ways behind me." Tierce pointed out that he himself is still a work in progress with regard to this point. He described himself as being 'under construction'. The following questions are designed to facilitate a process of 'Authentic Manhood' within you.

Tierce listed seven items that men need to have in their lives to become authentic.

- a. Men need a safe place where they know someone understands them.
- b. Men need a clear compelling vision of Biblical manhood.
- c. Men need time with other men to effectively process their manhood.
- d. Men need practical how to's to help them taste success. Bible knowledge does not take the place of the practical application of that knowledge.
- e. Men need male cheerleaders to encourage them.
- f. Men need a plan of action that they can put on paper and in the hands of other men.
- g. Men need to understand that life is mapped out in seasons and know how to transition well through each season.

1. These seven points emphasize the importance of relationships between men. A place where one can safely open up their inner being with safety and know that the other men understand where you are, having been there themselves, and who know how to grow beyond those difficulties. The big question is: Do you have such a group of men in your life? If you don't, are you man enough to look for one?

2. As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17). Tierce indicated that for iron to sharpen iron, it must get into physical contact. For a man to sharpen another, superficial conversation doesn't work. That represents 'conventional manhood'. Did you talk to someone yesterday in which your conversation was about sports or politics rather than what really matters? Did you make the effort to try to get to know this person? If not, why not?

3. Tierce indicated the importance of having a goal. "If you aim at nothing, you are going to hit it every time." Having listened to his message, what goal have you established?

4. Tierce described the importance of anticipating transitions in your family and adjusting your role in the family. There are four roles that a father must adjust to as his children grow.

They are: a. Coach b. Counselor c. Consultant d. Colleague

Define each of these roles and then establish whether you are making the appropriate adjustments within your own family. Share your observations with other members of your group. Also share your observations with your wife who is the mother of your children.

5. Tierce used the term 'reverse engineering' to describe a relationship. What does he mean by that term?

6. Tierce described 4 seasons in a man's life and what they represent.

They are: a. Spring -Identity b. Summer-Learning and Growing c. Fall-Influence d. Winter-Sage



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As he described each of these stages, each of us would have been able to identify at what stage we currently are. Tierce identified at each stage what can happen if we do not adjust well to these stages. Share with the men of your group, what can happen in your stage and whether you have experienced it yourself.

7. Tierce listed four things that a grown 'authentic man' does for his family. What a grown man does:  
a. He rejects passivity    b. He accepts responsibility    c. He leads courageously    d. He invests eternal

If you told your wife this list, which of the four would she indicate needs some work on your part? Why would she pick that particular one?

8. The rap video at the end of Tierce's message had a theme. "Don't waste your season". Are you wasting your season?