

RESTORATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Jesus In Your Home video series

The Home

Section 3: Segment 7

Topic 4. Stages of Male Development

- Six Stages of Male Development, from *The Masculine Journey* by Robert Hicks.

The first stage, the **Creational Male** (Hebrew, *adam*), refers to mankind in general, both male and female, distinct because humanity alone is in the image of God.

The next stage, the **Phallic Male** (Hebrew, *zakar*), a man responds to the innate sexual drive that impels and motivates him toward an intimate relationship.

The Hebrew term *gibbor* refers to the third stage of a man's life development, the **Warrior Male**. He is driven to excel and to conquer, and is known by what he DOES.

In the fourth stage a man becomes a **Wounded Male** (Hebrew, *enosh*). During this season, God completes the wounding that wasn't accomplished in earlier stages so a man can be humbled enough to learn to trust God and fully die to himself.

The Hebrew term *ish* defines the **Mature Male**, a man who's passed through his wounded period to become a person of dignity and integrity. He is known by his character, by who he IS rather than by what he does, and can cooperate with other men with a servant heart.

The final stage is the *zaken*—a **Sage or Elder**, a willing and available mentor revered for the wisdom he's gained through life experience. Having tasted our Father's forgiveness and mercy, he can pastor His children with compassion.

- If you're a man, in what stage do those who know you well think you are?

- If you're a younger man, what relationships do you have in place that are sources of mentoring for your life?

- If you're in the Mature or Elder Stage, what are you doing to make yourself available to help younger men?
