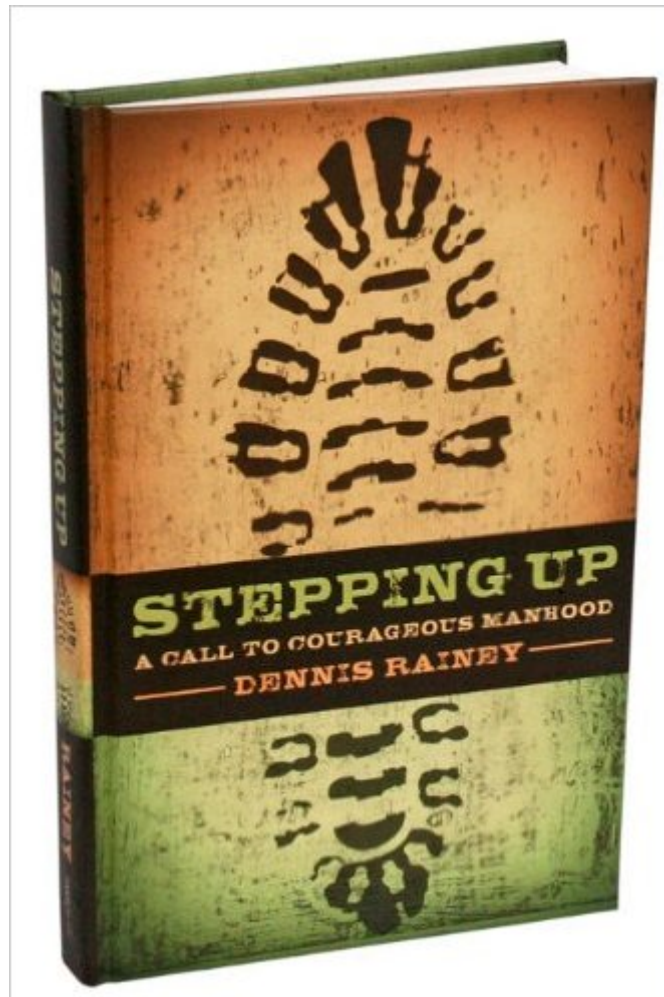


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# Stepping Up: A Call To Courageous Manhood



## Synopsis

Each of us face decisions and stages in life that demand courage. Big or little, complex or straightforward, these choices let's call them battles matter a great deal. In the new book *Stepping Up* by Dennis Rainey, he identifies five stages of a man's journey through life boyhood, adolescence, manhood, mentor, and patriarch and examines a man's responsibilities at each step. He calls men to seize the moment and take action, stepping up to responsibility and inspiring others in the process. It's about embracing courage, rejecting both passivity and cowardice.

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## Customer Reviews

This book defines a man's path from boyhood to old age. It outlines what being a father, husband, son, brother out to be. It encourages males at every step in their life to not shy away from responsibilities and opportunities. Every man no matter what his personality is called to lead at home or work or in a relationship to make the right decisions that are not always popular and often lead to personal sacrifice for those in his care. This book is a call to males to be men, traditional chivalrous men - to shoulder responsibility, to carry on the traditions and moral obligations of our forefathers.

This book was purchased for a failure to launch son... a good person with high morals and a solid work ethic... but failure to launch none-the-less... We were not sure it would be well received, particularly since he doesn't like to read... but he IS actually reading it, and has come back to talk

with us about different parts of it... says it's easy to read and not heavy preachy; "like having a long conversation with a man who has been there and is trying to get me to have a vision to step up to... a lot to think about, in a good way" It's a good step; we are pleased.

By Dennis Rainey:For the past 12 years, I've talked to men of all ages and life stages about what it means to be a man, and what I found, frequently, was a fundamental lack of honest equipping and encouragement. I also found men eager to answer a clear call to grow up, man up, and step up to the great adventure of the Christian life. My response is this book--Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood--and I believe it strikes an essential chord. In their five stages of life, every man either needs the influence of godly men or needs to influence other men to pursue God's best: Boyhood--A time to explore and discover Adolescence--A time to test the limits Manhood--A challenge to repeatedly step up Mentor--An age of investment and impact Patriarch--An age of influence and relevance In these stages, wherever you or the men in your life find yourselves, the time is now to courageously step up to God-given opportunities and responsibilities.

I purchased this book for my sixteen year old son after hearing about it on a radio program. My son read it through in a couple of days and has since brought up insights he gleaned from the book (yeah!). I asked him if he liked the book and he said, "Yes, it has a lot of good stuff in it." He did add that some of the wisdom is applicable for later on in his life, but that was ok, because he wanted to be prepared in advance.

Stepping Up: A Call to Courageous Manhood by Dennis Rainey encourages men of all ages to fulfill their God-given role. They must as 1 Corinthians 16:13 says, "Act like men."Rainey's challenge to men is presented in five movements:The First Step: BoyhoodThe Second Step: AdolescenceThe Third Step: ManhoodThe Fourth Step: MentorThe Fifth Step: PatriarchEach section includes strong biblical rationale and real life stories which serve to motivate men to live with Christ-centered resolve. Stepping Up is a breath of fresh air. So many books devoted to men are in the final analysis, man-centered. But real men are God-centered and their lives reflect the glory of a great and awesome God. Rainey's timely advice is sure to encourage men to step up and make a difference in God's kingdom.

This would be an excellent book for small men's groups. It deserves a reserve slot in every man's library. The quote by Tom Skinner in Chapter 17 makes the book worth its price. Mr. Rainey's

choice to begin each chapter with statements by famous men sets the stage for the pearls of wisdom he shares from personal experience.

This book is definitely a must read for all men. This book opens up your eyes to what you need to do to become the man that God created you to be. I went through the Stepping up video conference by Familylife with Dennis Rainey and am now following up with this book and the 10 week video study to dig deeper. Learn what REAL masculinity looks like. Your wife and children will love the changes that this study can make in you no matter where you are at..

Terrific for men of all ages. This book follows the development of a man from boyhood to manhood and beyond. It does a great job of outlining the role that a man plays in his family and his friendships. Very smooth and easy to read, this is a great book for teenagers, young men and older men alike.

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