



Bringing Up Boys

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Dr. Dobson is the founder and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization that produces his nationally-syndicated radio program heard on more than 2,500 radio stations across North America and on an additional 3,000 stations in over 40 countries. Focus on the Family celebrates the family and provides solid biblical guidance for Christian households.

Dr. Dobson holds a Ph.D. in Child Development from the University of Southern California. He served for fourteen years as the Associate Clinical Professor of pediatrics at the USC School of Medicine, and for seventeen years on the attending staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles in the division of child development and medical genetics.

Dr. Dobson's books are international best-sellers and include such titles as *Dare to Discipline*, *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew about Women*, *The Strong-Willed Child*, *When God Doesn't Make Sense*, *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*, *Straight Talk to Men and their Wives*, and *Bringing Up Boys*.

OVERVIEW:

Boys are different from girls physiologically, emotionally and socially. These masculine traits, which often irritate and confound parents, were intended to be enjoyed and celebrated – as well as molded and “civilized.”

Behavioral research reveals that many young males are floundering today, both at home and in school. They need special care and guidance during each stage of their development. If parents fail to recognize this, the consequences are often dire.

It's no secret that our culture is becoming more wicked and that our kids are being targeted by those who would seek to exploit and manipulate their young minds. They are routinely exposed to safe-sex nonsense at school, enticements to gamble, Internet pornography and other immoral images in the media, and hundreds of other harmful influences. Superimposed on that cultural backdrop is an entire set of concerns related specifically to boys. Because they are inherently less stable than girls, young males are more vulnerable to the dangers that swirl around them.

Society's mixed message on the role of men creates confusion among boys today. In the wake of a host of recent violent and tragic events involving boys and young men, many are asking what we as a society are doing wrong in the way we are raising our boys.

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NOTES:

AFTER THE BROADCAST:

(Use these questions to stimulate discussion with your spouse, your small group, your Sunday School class, etc.)

Based on the material presented this evening and your own experience, reflect on the following questions:

1. Why is it so hard to know how to bring up boys today?
2. Why are we so often failing to develop character in our sons?
3. Why are so many boys in crisis?
4. What qualities should we be trying to instill in young males?
5. What practical steps can you take this week in response to the insights, concepts and principles presented by Dr. Dobson during this evening's program?

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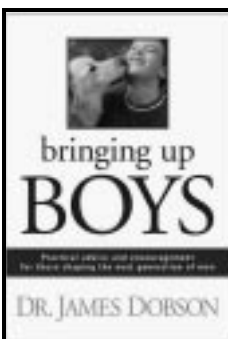
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