The Path to Manhood

- 1. Show submission to the authority of God by submitting to the authority of parents.
- 2. Treat others the way he wants to be treated (with kindness and respect).
- 3.Help and protect ladies and those that are weaker, smaller or in need.
- 4. Show respect for all adults in his life.
- 5. Accept responsibility for his actions and also accept the consequences.
- 6.Learn to work hard.
- 7.Learn the word of God.
- 8. Have a good attitude no matter what.

Manhood Principles

1. King (Provider)

- a. Working and supporting himself or his family
- b. Demonstrates vision by having a plan for his life and revising the plan periodically
- c. Demonstrates self-discipline and self-sacrifice by placing the welfare of others before his own
- d. Accepts responsibility for his own actions and the actions for those around him, and the possible consequences
- e. Displays respect for the opinions, contributions and responsibilities of the women in his life

2. Warrior (Protector)

- a. Exhibits courage to protect brothers or sisters in physical or spiritual danger (must sometimes say or do the hard thing, is willing to sacrifice his life or a friendship)
- b. Demonstrates submission to the authority of God as Commander-in-Chief (enlists through the waters of baptism)
- c. Demonstrates vigilance in guarding against possible dangers
- d. Demonstrates mercy when appropriate
- e. Displays Chivalry in his manners, protects the rights, and considers the feelings of the women in his life

3. Mentor (Teacher)

- a. Demonstrates sound understanding of the Word of God
- b. Accepts responsibility for nurturing others and understands the power of his example
- c. Is attentive, looking for opportunities to teach
- d. Demonstrates wisdom in when and how to teach (in love)

4. Friend

- a. Demonstrates loyalty by not deserting others when there are true needs and is willing to provide physical and/or emotional support
- b. Makes himself available and willing to listen/communicate
- c. Helps hold others to the strait and narrow by confronting in love, counseling and praying for each other
- d. Demonstrates humility by being willing to ask for help when needed and willing to receive correction from the Scriptures through fellow men when necessary

Keys to Effective Leadership

1. You must know what you believe.

It is essential that a leader knows what he believes religiously, politically and socially. If a leader does not know why they are doing what they are doing, when it is time to stand up for a cause, that leader will falter. He must also continue to study, attain knowledge, acquire skills and plan for situations that may arise.

	2nd 1 mothy 2:15
	1 st Timothy 4:11-16
	Deuteronomy 17:14-20
	Alma 12:2-5
2.	You must be an optimist.
	Everyone has a choice. You can either be an optimist or a pessimist. However, people don't follow leaders that have no hope for tomorrow, barely get by and lack inspiration. People follow optimistic leaders who have vision, confidence and solutions.
	Romans 8:28
	1 st Thessalonians 5:16
	Philippians 4:4-7
	Moroni 7:45-48
3.	You must have courage.
	Courage is not the lack of fear, but the ability to face fear and overcome it. It is the ability to make a stand when nobody else is willing to. Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because it supports the rest.
	Deuteronomy 20:3-4
	Joshua 1:5-9
	2 nd Chronicles 32:6-8
	2 nd Timothy 1:7-12
	Alma 26:52-57

4. You must have humility to build a great team.

Mosiah 1:40-50

A leader must understand that success is best achieved through teamwork. From the moment you are put into a leadership position you must demonstrate ultimate humility. You must develop the gifts and strengths of those around you, be responsive to their needs and strengthen your relationships with them.

	Alma 1:38-39
	John 13:12-17
	1 st Corinthians 12:12-31
	Philippians 2:3-8
5.	You must communicate effectively.
	Your power to communicate determines the level of your influence. You may possess tremendous talent and motivation but if you do not communicate effectively with your team your ability to lead will be limited.
	Ephesians 4:15, 25
	Ephesians 4:29-31
	Colossians 3:8
	James 1:19-20
6.	You must understand the power of your personal example, good or bad.
	Regardless of what you say, the example that you set in your life by your actions and deeds, reveals to others what you really believe, and whether they want to follow or not. It easier to talk the talk, but you must also walk the walk to be respected.
	Philippians 4:5
	1 st Timothy 4:12
	John 13:34-35
	Alma 2:15-18
	Alma 19:17