

MAN AS THE DEFENDER— DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. After reading the dramatic story of the General rescuing an abused woman on a Virginia highway, ask yourself what you would have done had you witnessed such a scene playing out? Maybe you will never encounter a situation exactly like that, but have you thought about what you would do if faced with someone attacking a defenseless person?
2. Do you own a firearm? Do you know how to use it safely? If so, have you taught your wife and your children proper respect for and use of a firearm? If not, take a gun safety training course and practice using one. You never know when you may have to use it to defend yourself, your family, or someone in danger.
3. How can you apply the call to action in Psalm 94:16 (NIV), “Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?”
4. Pornography is destroying men, their marriages, and their families. Chances are great that you have a problem viewing it since statistics show eight out of ten males do. If so, the first step is to admit and confess it, then ask for forgiveness and help overcoming it. Now, what steps can you take to minimize your exposure to pornography and your family’s exposure to it? As Josh McDowell warns, you cannot protect your child from seeing

pornography, so as a defender how can you *prepare* your child for the first time they will see it?

5. In this chapter, we discuss the hidden dangers of gaming and other forms of media. Are you aware of what your kids watch and play in the home? Do you know whether it is content they should actually be engaged with? If not, what are some steps you can take to make sure you do know what they are watching and what games they are playing?
6. What is meant by “Run to the sounds of gunfire and the smell of cordite”? List a few scenarios where you, as a man, should step up and step in to try to stop evil.
7. As a defender, it is important to defend the defenseless—that includes the unborn. What are you doing to rectify violence against the unborn? Are you engaged in protecting infants whose lives are going to be taken in your state? If not, what can you do to get involved?
8. When the Bible declares “The Lord is a Warrior” (Exod. 15:3 [NIV]) and you were made in His image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-28), what implications does that have for you as a man?
9. This chapter talks about defending our children against destructive behavior. This includes the tendency to become dependent on other people—including us—rather than relying on God. What steps can you take to make sure this doesn’t happen?
10. Tough question—have you ever failed to step up as a man, and a woman had to do it instead? Resolve that you will never let it happen again because as a man, you are the defender.