

can't be done for power, glory, respect, money, fame, fortune, or for someone else. Men, we have to do and want it solely for ourselves and yourself alone. Men... you have to be a little selfish for a minute and take care of yourself first. Be responsible for yourself. Be accountable for yourself. Provide for yourself. Stop depending on your mamma or your girlfriends to provide for you. Accept yourself. Speak for yourself. Be concerned for yourself. Attend to yourself. Don't go grabbing for dirt in his eye when dirt is in your eye. Teach yourself. Respect yourself. Have high regards and concerns for yourself. Encourage yourself. Discipline yourself. Parent yourself. Inspire yourself. Depend on yourself. Don't wait on someone else. Man, get yourself together. Yes, be all that you can be, but be yourself first. Be the custodian of yourself before of any building. Be the master of yourself before of any kind of art. Be the king of yourself before of any castle or kingdom. Be the leader of yourself before of others. Be the supervisor of yourself before of others. Be the manager of yourself before of employees. Be the Boss of yourself before of any business. Be the CEO of yourself before of any company. Be the president of yourself before of the United States or any other country. Stop having all these damn kids you can't take care of when you can barely even take care of yourself. Now, I'm not saying don't have aspirations of becoming any of these things but how can an accountant for example, be the accountant of someone else's affairs if his or her own affairs are not in order? How can the blind lead the blind? Now, I'm not the ideal man I'm talking about here. However, every moment, I'm becoming a better man, a better me. Notice how I didn't say "the right" man? There is no such thing as the "right" man. However, there is always a chance for a "better" man. We can always become better fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, nephews, cousins, caregivers, parents, workers, listeners, friends, and ect. We can always use improving. We can lift the standard of quality of man and begin to man up men. Let's fight to be men as women have fought so hard to be women and to be equal to us. Let's fight like the women of Libya who came together for a great cause despite the odds. Women have fought for jobs that we work and so now we as men should fight for their jobs, the jobs they have had as mothers. Women fought for equal employment opportunities and civil rights, so we can fight to earn the right