

Foreword by **DARRYL STRAWBERRY**

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RECLAIMING BIBLICAL MANHOOD

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MARRIAGE, FAMILY, *and* CULTURE

BACK

DR. TIM CLINTON

and MAX DAVIS

A must-read book for men...and those who love them.

—JON GORDON

BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, *THE CARPENTER AND TRAINING CAMP*

This is an important book. I'm an avid reader, but this one book is a game changer. I believe it will be a soul-stirring gift to men and its impact will be felt by their mothers, sisters, wives, and children, indeed the whole body of Christ. When God's sons reject the lies of the enemy and embrace their strength, purpose, and destiny, it will be felt by the church, the nation, and the world.

—SHEILA WALSH

AUTHOR, *PRAYING WOMEN*

When you pick up a book about biblical manhood, you want to know that the author walks the talk and has proved the concepts he writes about to be true in his own life. I can think of no finer example of this than Tim Clinton. In the many years I have known Tim, I have personally seen him model biblical manhood as he has loved his wife, Julie; raised his incredible children, Megan and Zach; and worked tirelessly to lead thousands of men to the cross. I could not be more excited that he is now sharing his wisdom with other men through this book.

—JOE WHITE

PRESIDENT, KANAKUK MINISTRIES

AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Dr. Clinton is calling men to their true identity. He reminds us that in an age when culture tells us to seek our own ease and comfort, God calls us to something altogether different. Tim is telling all who will hear that their lives are much greater than themselves. After a lifetime of leadership and educating, Tim has amazing insight into human nature and the decisions we make. Tim has written an exceptional reminder to us all that God calls us to rise above our culture and be men He is proud to call His sons.

—KEN HARRISON

CHAIRMAN AND CEO, PROMISE KEEPERS

Dr. Tim Clinton and Max Davis have written a must-read book that will be discussed for years to come! I applaud them tackling a thorny topic in a thoughtful and biblical way.

—DR. ROBERT JEFFRESS
SENIOR PASTOR, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DALLAS
AUTHOR, *COURAGEOUS*

Men have reached a pivotal moment in history and now stand at a crossroads. Will they let culture define what masculinity is...or finally take back their voice and be strong for the sake of the next generation? *Take It Back* shows them the way!

—JOSH D. MCDOWELL
AUTHOR

I am a comedian. But the most serious job I have on this earth is being a mom to my son. Dr. Clinton has written an incredible book not only to guide my son but to strengthen my resolve for us both to become *all* God intended for us to be.

—CHONDA PIERCE
AUTHOR, ACTRESS, COMEDIAN, MOM

The meaning of a man has been lost in our generation. While culture is attempting to redefine manhood, it is time to return to the Bible to see what God says about what it means to be a man. This is why I am thankful for the call to every man that is issued by Dr. Tim Clinton and Max Davis in their book, *Take It Back*. From the inside out each man needs to step into this moment in history and step up to this dynamic challenge. Now is the time to carry out these words: “Be strong, and...be a man” (1 Kings 2:2, MEV).

—DR. RONNIE FLOYD
PRESIDENT AND CEO, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Men today are drowning in a sea of low expectations, where compromise wins over convictions and convenience replaces courage. Spiritual

morality is redefined daily as many men sit on the sidelines of life, choosing to be entertained rather than challenged. In the midst of society's deafening noise, Dr. Tim Clinton draws the proverbial line in the sand and boldly declares, "Enough is enough!" Through the profound practicality of this book Clinton shouts a clarion call to all men: "Make your life count for God and His kingdom! Exhaust your gifts and die empty!"

Men, this book will not let you off the hook. In fact, chapter 17 alone—"A Regular Joe"—makes this a worthy read. It doesn't get any more regular than a shepherd boy or cupbearer! God is calling us to be restored to our rightful place as leaders, protectors, gatekeepers, and difference makers. Let's become a generation of men fully committed to one proposition: we are strategically here right now...to *take it back!*

—RICK RIGSBY, PHD
PRESIDENT, RICK RIGSBY COMMUNICATIONS
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, CORPORATE COACH, MINISTER
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, *LESSONS FROM A THIRD GRADE DROPOUT*

Take It Back ignites our duty as men. I know the author pretty well, and I can promise you that he lives out what he preaches and teaches. His presence and influence in my life help me every day to be the best version of myself and a man after God's own heart. I believe *Take It Back* will make you a stronger man who will be better equipped to live out and take back what God has for your life.

—ZACH CLINTON
COHOST, IGNITE MEN'S IMPACT WEEKEND

For too long men have believed the lies of the enemy! *Take It Back* is packed full of help, hope, and encouragement for men to take back their God-given responsibilities to impact the church, the home, and the culture for Christ.

—DR. TONY EVANS
PRESIDENT, THE URBAN ALTERNATIVE
SENIOR PASTOR, OAK CLIFF BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

This book has the power to change a generation! *Take It Back* encourages and emboldens men in a way that calls them to rise to the challenge of biblical manhood and lead their families and communities like Jesus.

—MARK BATTERSON

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, *THE CIRCLE MAKER*

LEAD PASTOR, NATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

It's been said, "If you preach to hurting people, you will never lack for an audience." Dr. Tim Clinton has that heart and reaches thousands every year through his writings and events. I am confident that Dr. Clinton and Max Davis' new book, *Take It Back: Reclaiming Biblical Manhood for the Sake of Marriage, Family, and Culture*, will help so many at this critical time in our nation's history. It's time for men to rise up and take their rightful place for the sake of marriage, family, and righteousness in the culture. *Take It Back* is sure to encourage, challenge, and inspire men for such a time as this.

—GREG LAURIE

PASTOR AND EVANGELIST, HARVEST MINISTRIES

Never before has it been more important to understand what it means to be a man created in God's image. Reclaiming God's design for manhood is vital for the health of our families, our relationships, and our nation. In *Take It Back*, Clinton and Davis clearly explain the biblical definition of *masculinity*, offer men practical advice on how they can follow God's call, and share encouraging stories of godly men who have influenced their cultures throughout history. This book is a must-read for every man in America.

—SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ

PRESIDENT, NATIONAL HISPANIC CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

AUTHOR AND SPEAKER

Any man who writes about traditional masculinity today is bold. Tim Clinton and Max Davis have stepped up to the plate, and I believe every man who reads this book will be challenged—and changed. "The great need of our culture today," the authors write, "is not for more men of

talent...but for more men of character with hearts that follow hard after God.” Amen. May God use this message to help men take back their lives and then reclaim the culture, fulfilling God’s kingdom purpose.

—JAMES ROBISON

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, LIFE OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

There is simply no more-important subject than the subject of my friend Tim Clinton’s book. The battle for biblical manhood is a battle to which we are all called. I thank God for Tim Clinton and this important book.

—ERIC METAXAS

AUTHOR, *BONHOEFFER: PASTOR, MARTYR, PROPHET, SPY*

HOST, *THE ERIC METAXAS SHOW*

Of the dozens of books on what it means to be a Christian man in the twenty-first century, none is as timely and relevant to life today as *Take It Back*, by Tim Clinton and Max Davis. This book doesn’t miss a trick or a deception of the enemy that is common to the life of every man while arming you with the tools to overcome the temptations we all face. You really can become the man God is calling you to be, and each chapter is filled with very practical tools to help you find your way. This is a must-read for every man who seeks to follow Jesus with his whole heart.

—JENTEZEN FRANKLIN

SENIOR PASTOR, FREE CHAPEL

NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Tim Clinton gets it. He is a man who knows what it takes to live, love, and lead well and impact the family God’s way. He is both a prophet and a counselor, which is a great combination if you want to influence men and those who love them. *Take It Back* is a manifesto for men who want to change the world.

—JACK GRAHAM

PASTOR, PRESTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

HEAD OF POWERPOINT MINISTRIES

The message in Dr. Tim Clinton and Max Davis' book, *Take It Back*, is backed up with solid biblical truth of how God wants men to be men. As you read, my hope is that you will be encouraged, challenged, and inspired to claim your true identity as a man.

—ROBERT MORRIS

FOUNDING LEAD SENIOR PASTOR, GATEWAY CHURCH
BEST-SELLING AUTHOR, *THE BLESSED LIFE*, *BEYOND BLESSED*, AND
TAKE THE DAY OFF