



Rick I. Johnson

Biographical Information



Bestselling author and speaker Rick founded **Better Dads** in 2001 based on the urgent need to empower men to lead and serve in their families and communities. Rick's books have expanded his work to include influencing the whole family, with life-changing insights for men and women on parenting, marriage, and personal growth. Inspiring and equipping through innovative multimedia presentations and seminars, Rick's resources, methods and personal approach have been transforming the lives of men, women, and their families for over 15 years.

Rick speaks at many large conferences across the US and Canada and is a popular keynote speaker at men's and women's retreats and conferences on parenting and marriage. He also speaks at mental health conferences, home schooling conferences, various marriage conferences, prisons, and for the armed forces.

He is a nationally recognized expert in several areas having been asked to deliver papers at venues such as the County of Los Angeles Child Abuse Prevention Conference and the State of New York Fatherhood Conference. Rick's work with men and fathers was recognized when he was invited to the White House as part of the "Champions of Change" ceremony in 2012.

Prior to becoming a bestselling author and speaker, Rick was a small business owner for 16 years operating an environmental engineering firm. He attended George Fox University receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and Organizational Leadership, and has a Masters Degree in Education from Concordia University. He is a veteran of the United States Navy, has served on the Board of Directors for several community and business associations, and coaches high school basketball in his spare time. Rick has been featured in many national publications such as New Man Magazine, Crosswalk.com, Christianity.com, Christianity Today's Men of Integrity, Relevant Magazine, Pentecostal Evangel, Thriving Family, and Proverbs 31 Ministries Magazine.

He is the bestselling author of eleven books including, *That's My Son: How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Men of Character*, *Better Dads Stronger Sons: How Fathers Can Guide Boys to Become Men of Character*, *The Man Whisperer—Speaking a Man's Language to Bring Out His Best*, *That's My Teenage Son: How Moms Can Influence Boys to Become Good Men*, *That's My Girl: How a Father's Love Protects and Empowers His Daughter*, and *The Power of a Man: Using Your Influence as a Man of Character* all by Revell Publishing. His book, *Becoming Your Spouse's Better Half: Why Differences Make a Great Marriage*, is being used by many churches across the country for their couples study groups. Rick's newest books include, *A Man in the Making: Strategies to Help Your Son Succeed in Life*, *Romancing Your Better Half: Keeping Intimacy Alive in Your Marriage*, and *10 Things Great Dads Do: Strategies for Raising Great Kids* which was released September 2015. Rick's books have been translated into 13 different languages.

Rick has appeared on over 300 radio programs and television shows around the United States and Canada. He is the former co-host of a live, weekly radio show and a frequent guest host of other local programs. Rick is actively involved with men's and family ministries as well as speaking from the pulpit at various churches.

Rick and his wife Suzanne have two adult children and live in Portland, Oregon.