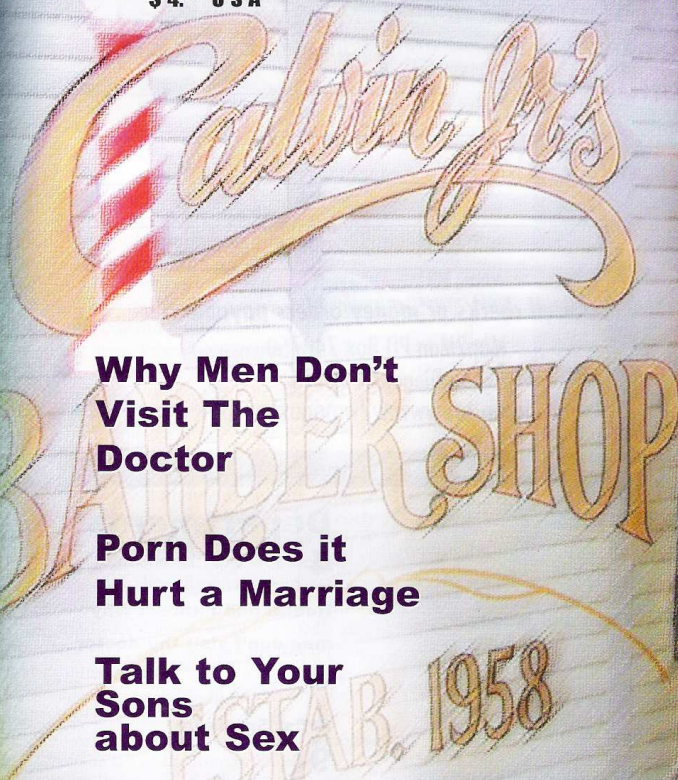


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The clean cut, good looking guys on the front of this month's Man2Man Magazine haven't always been so clean. Willie Brown hails from a little known space called "Clean Comedy." Actually Willie grew up in New

Haven, Connecticut. His was a typical childhood--typical life--nothing special! But like you and me and many people, there was an epiphany coming, and Willie knew it. Woody (the one on the left) grew up in the forest.

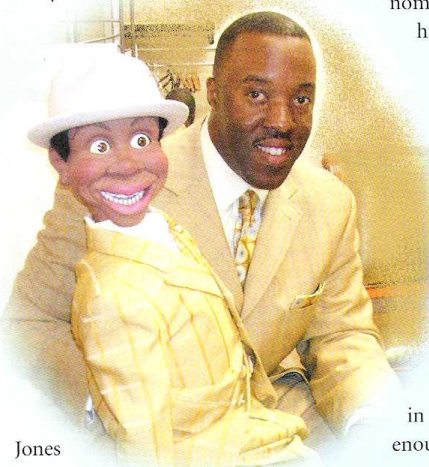
Willie Brown was into comedy. He liked to make people laugh. I've got a friend like that, you probably do too. He's always got a joke up his sleeve, ready to get you rolling in stitches. Comedy is an art form, but still, there are lots of guys out there doing comedy. Willie Brown knew he needed something to make him stand out from the crowd. He was blessed when he found Woody ready to become his partner. Willie Brown is a ventriloquist – not so typical.

Seven years ago Willie moved from Washington D.C. to Los Angeles seeking fame and fortune. The plan was to move in with a friend and get on his feet. But the friend had to leave town and Willie was left without a place to stay. While applying for an apartment, the landlord asked him what he did for a living – in other words, "how are you going to pay the rent?" When Willie told him he was a ventriloquist, he asked him, "What do you really do?" The landlord asked for references. Willie got out his cell phone and started calling clubs where he had played, and personal references. Nobody answered, which meant no references and no apartment. With a feeling of desperation turning his gut, Willie went back to his car and called his mom. "Mom, I just need to find somebody for this guy to talk to. What do I do?" His mother gave him the perfect advice that mothers give. "Just pray, baby," she said. "What is it that you can do?" After a moment's thought he began writing down the names of more people he could call. Then it hit him! He reached in the trunk of his car and pulled out Woody.

Willie went back into the landlord's office and sat down with Woody on his knee. "Mr. Figus," Woody - yes, Woody - began, "If you help this young man out, you'll be sewing seeds into a promising career." Mr. Figus was both amused and impressed enough to give

Willie and Woody the key that very night. And the rest... well the rest was yet to be told. An epiphany was still coming.

After this movement of God on behalf of Willie (and Woody), they began making good on the comedy circuit in L. A. playing clubs like The Comedy Store on Sunset, The Laugh Factory, Ha-Ha Cafe, The Improv in Hollywood, and the Ice House. Willie and Woody have appeared several times on BET Comic View, HBO Def Comedy Jam, Phaturdays (pay per view), The Jenny



Jones Show, and they have opened for the likes of Steve Harvey, Martin Lawrence, and D. L. Hughley. Willie Brown is also an avid actor and recently appeared in the movie "All About You", starring Debbie Allen, Chris Spencer and other notables. Willie and Woody appeared as Tony and Treasure in the "Debates and Dead People" episode of the HBO series Barbershop. He has also made an impact in the commercial world with five national spots with such players as American Airlines and McDonalds.

As Willie's reputation grew, he began getting gigs out of town and participating in comedy competitions. The epiphany came one night in Florida.

Going on stage against some pretty tough competition, Willie and Woody had to make a choice. They had been practicing some new material--Clean material. There were no four letter words, no dirty jokes under women clothes, no lurid sex jokes-- just good "clean" fun. But against the stiff competition, Willie wanted to go with the killer jokes he knew would rock the crowd. The Holy Spirit moved and Willie started praying. The Lord said, "Trust Me," and Willie took a leap of faith. He used the clean material for the competition and he blew the crowd away! His performance was so phenomenal, the other comics came up to him after his act and congratulated him, giving him props for his act and expressing their amazement that it was so good and so clean. Willie had his epiphany. He's been clean ever since.

In an entertainment world dominated by comedy that has to be beeped out on television, Willie Brown stands out as an uncompromised child of God who is a hit in the church and in the world, proving that faith is enough to take you to the top when your heart and mind are clean.

In his "spare" moments Willie spends his time on exciting projects writing and developing screenplays. He has completed his first script "Black Magic". He also develops show concepts for himself as well as with his partner Woody. He recently developed an innovative children's series program for syndicated television, and has released a new video and CD, "Out 'Da Box" (in stores soon). Willie is also a corporate humorist who gives motivational speeches nationally. Willie Brown and Woody now play an extensive Clean Comedy Circuit. He can be reached for booking through <http://www.outreachcomedians.com>