

BIBLICAL MANHOOD

1. Have a different outlook on the world

- a. The world is not an even playing field

Rom. 8:20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

Rom. 8:21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Rom. 8:22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

Rom. 8:23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

- b. This requires a different outlook on life
 - i. Expect pain
 - ii. Expect problems

Proper expectation prevents disappointment.

2. Have a different identity than the world

- a. The pressure that forms our identity
 - i. Our past mistakes
 - ii. Our past achievements
 - iii. Our lack of biblical knowledge

- b. The promises that form our identity
 - i. You can't die
 - ii. You can't be homeless
 - iii. You can't be unknown
 - iv. You can't lose

- c. The Person that affirms our identity
 - i. "Looking unto Jesus" Heb 12:2
 - ii. "Nothing can separate us" Rom 8:38
 - iii. "Come to me in a time of need with boldness" Heb 4:16

3. Have a different purpose than the world

1Pet. 2:9 ¶ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

- a. To lead our families in the way of the King
 - i. To receive from our King
 - ii. To serve out King
 - iii. To proclaim our King

- b. To use our recourses for the King
 - i. Working for the King's mission, not ours
 - ii. Working to glorify the king, not our ego
 - iii. Working to love our neighbor

- c. To care for our family in the kingdom
 - i. Our brothers/sisters need comfort
 - ii. We don't serve alone
 - iii. *NO ONE SHOULD BE ALONE!*