

God's Design for Manhood

FAMILY MATTERS: Part 8

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What Men Are Taught To Value



POWER



PHYSICAL ABILITY



FINANCIAL STRENGTH



FAME

“But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”” (1 Samuel 16:7, NLT)

What Does God Value?

1. **COMPASSION**

“I have no one else like Timothy. He truly cares about how you are doing. All the others are looking out for their own interests. They are not looking out for the interests of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 2:20–21, NIV)

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36, NLT)

God is looking for men who put **PEOPLE** before **PROFITS**

2. **CONSISTENCY**

“But you know his proven character, because he has served with me in the gospel ministry like a son with a father.” (Philippians 2:22, HCSB)

“Job was a man who lived in Uz. He was honest inside and out, a man of his word, who was totally devoted to God and hated evil with a passion.” (Job 1:1, The Message)

“We know that suffering creates endurance, endurance creates character, and character creates confidence. We’re not ashamed to have this confidence, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” (Romans 5:3–5, GW)

God is looking for men who put **CHARACTER** before **CONFORMITY**

3. **COOPERATION**

“Meanwhile, I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier. And he was your messenger to help me in my need.” (Philippians 2:25, NLT)

Role in the family

“The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing.” (Ephesians 5:23, The Message)

Role in the workplace

“Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as done for the Lord and not for human beings,”
(Colossians 3:23, NJB)

Role in the church

“Each of you as a good manager must use the gift that God has given you to serve others.”
(1 Peter 4:10, GW)

God is looking for men who put **COOPERATION** before **COMPETITION**

4. COMMITMENT

“When I needed help, you sent [Epaphroditus] to me. I think now that I must send him back to you, because he wants very much to see all of you. He is worried because you heard that he was sick. Yes, he was sick, and nearly died, but God had mercy on him and me too so that I would not have more sadness.”
(Philippians 2:25–27, NCV)

“But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”” (Luke 9:62, NLT)

God is looking for men who put the **CAUSE OF CHRIST** before **COMFORT**

5. COURAGE

“Welcome [Epaphroditus] in the Lord’s love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn’t do from far away.” (Philippians 2:29–30, NLT)

“Whoever tries to make his life secure will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.” (Luke 17:33, HCSB)

God is looking for men who will put **SERVICE** before **SECURITY**

Action Step: Live out **GOD'S MAN CARD** this year

“The LORD looks out over the whole earth. He gives strength to those who commit their lives completely to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9, NIrV)