

# **REAL MEN SUBMIT**

The Marks of a Real Man: Part 1

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*"I looked for a man among them...but I found none." (Ezekiel 22:30, NIV84)*

## **GOD'S VIEW OF GENDER IDENTITY**

*"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27, NLT)*

### **THE BEAUTY OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY**

Unity, in that we share the **CHARACTERISTICS** of our creator.

Diversity, in that we embrace the divine **DISTINCTIVES**.

### **PROBLEM:**

The fall **CONFUSED** us all!

*"Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused...So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies... Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men...(Romans 1:21,24,26-27 NLT/MSG)*

*"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20, NIV)*

**JESUS:** *"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."  
(Matthew 18:5-6, NLT)*

### **TRUTH:**

Masculinity is not **MANHOOD**.

### **MOSSOLONIAN DEFINITION:**

Manhood is the mature integration of a healthy masculine identity, godly virtues, and appropriate behaviors congruent with God's design and directives for men.

## HOW TO REVERSE THE CURSE

1. REBELLION->REDEMPTION: I must SUBMIT my whole life to God's authority.

*"Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols." (1 Samuel 15:23a, NLT)*

*"Submit yourselves, then, to God..." (James 4:7a, NIV)*

*"God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3, NLT)*

2. CONFUSION->CLARITY: I must CELEBRATE my sex.

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Romans 12:2a, NIV)*

*"Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." (Psalm 119:73, NIV)*

*"You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13, NLT)*

3. ABDICATION->APPROPRIATION: I must EMBRACE my role.

*"The man said, 'The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.'" (Genesis 3:12, NIV)*

*"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13, ESV)*

*"...as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15, KJV)*

### **ACTION:**

**MEN'S MOVIE NIGHT THIS SATURDAY 6PM**