

1. How is God described as a Father?
2. Do you see him this way? Why or Why Not?
3. How does this picture of our Heavenly Father impact the way we live each day?

Read Joshua 1:2-9*

4. Joshua is assuming his role as leader of God's people. What is God's encouragement to Joshua?
5. Why was it important for Joshua to be "strong and courageous"? What was God's promise to Joshua at the end of verse 9?
6. What does it look like to be "strong and courageous" for you? Is it difficult? Why or Why Not?

Read Matthew 5:1-12*

7. Are these characteristics you think of when you think of manhood?
8. Which of these characteristics stands out to you? Why?
9. Is it possible to be "strong and courageous" and "poor in spirit" or "meek" at the same time?
10. Which of these characteristics do you need to incorporate into your life? How can you do so?

Read Micah 6:8*

11. What are the characteristics that God is after in each of us?

12. What does it look like to "act justly"? (In the Hebrew justly is a legal term i.e. to do what's right)
13. What does it look like to "love mercy"? (In the Hebrew mercy is a term used to describe God's loving kindness)
14. What does it look like to "walk humbly" with God? (In Hebrew "humbly" is a term used to describe a willingness to submit to another or show humility in a relationship)

Action Steps

Walk the Talk

Take a look at the passages below. Each are instructions on how men are to interact in their sphere of influence. What commonalities do you see in each of these passages? How can you incorporate living this way?
Ephesians 5:22-6:9, Colossians 3:18-4:1, 1 Peter 3:1-7

For Further Study

Check out these resources for further study:

RightNow Media Bible Studies

"Seeing God as a Perfect Father" by Louie Giglio
"33 The Series: Vol. 1-5" by Authentic Manhood
"Play the Man" by Mark Batterson
"Stepping Up" by Dennis Rainey

Books

"Wild at Heart" by John Eldridge
"Every Man's Battle" by Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoeker, & Mike Yorkey
"Tender Warrior" by Stu Weber

*These verses do reflect a general call to all to live in this manner and is not specific either manhood or womanhood. It demonstrates a posture of living that all of us should follow.