

a movement of men transforming families & churches to the ends of the earth

A Man & His Manhood

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When you open the very first few pages of the Bible, the spotlight goes to Manhood, primarily in Genesis 1-2.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14, Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

1. Being a male is a matter of birth. Being a man is a matter of choice.

Joshua 24:13-15, I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! 15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory

1 Kings 18:20-21, So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. ²¹ And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord *is* God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.

James 1:5-8, If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

2. Manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous.

being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3

You are only growing in your manhood to the extent you are growing into the image Christ.

2 Timothy 2:1-2, You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ² And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

1. A REAL MAN Surrenders to God and His Word

Surrender – a deep conviction...

There are a lot of men who "believe" and go to church but their life is not manly. They are stunted, troubled, stuck...

- **2 Timothy 2:15**, Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- **2 Timothy 3:16 (10-15)**, All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible tells a man...

Doctrine - What is right.

Reproof - What is not right.

Correction - How to get right.

Instruction in Righteousness - How to stay right.

2. A REAL MAN Loves and Protects God's Woman

1 Peter 3:7, Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Resolve to LOVE Our Wives by

1. <u>Leading</u>

The most powerful team on the planet is a husband and wife walking in oneness before a Holy God. And God has called you the be the MVP, whether you're married or not.

- 2. Lifting (honor)
- **3. Listening** (She communicates, with words and without)

The wise husband is quick to listen and slow to speak.

What do you think? How do you feel? What do you think we should do?

- **4. Learning** (She's changing/different seasons of life)
- 5. <u>Lasting</u> (Are you going to go the distance with her?)
- 3. A REAL MAN Excels at God's Work
- 1. Work is sacred. It's not just a job. There is no work that's just a job.
- 2. It was a calling of God... It was God who took Adam, put Adam, commanded Adam
- 3. Vocation. Latin Root vocal/calling.

It gives us the understanding that all work is sacred.

All work has a calling behind it from a creator God who wants you to be the best you can be... and He wants you to connect with Him.

Worship

You're not just building a house, selling insurance, teaching students, painting, roofing, real estate, or whatever it is.

Whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord and not for men.

Work is not a curse, it's a calling.

Wherever God has placed us is the platform to honor and glorify Him.

Our ultimate employer is the Lord. Let's remember who we work for.

Genesis 2:15, Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend (work) and keep it.

Our Appointment by Him

Then the Lord God took the man

Took – grasp, seize, to get, select

And put him the Garden of Eden

Put – to settle down, to stay settled, rest... to be set

Our Assignment from Him

To tend and keep it.

Tend – (v) work, serve, labor, cultivate, or perform acts of worship

(n) servant, officer, worshipper

and keep – guard, protect... watch, guard, protect, take under custody, or exercise care.

We are to watch over and keep safe all that God has put under our care.

God's assignments are to ultimately bring Him glory.

God is using what He has given you to do not to only accomplish His assignments but to make you what He wants you to become.

We are not to separate God's assignments

Anc

God's character-building in our lives

This is at the core of our relationship with Him.

He is using what He has called you to do to make you more like His Son and to prove Himself faithful to you.

4. A REAL MAN Betters God's World

Men are primary to who God uses to rule over a society

The church is primary to building real men.

The greatest call we could ever receive is for God to call us to Himself.

God doesn't call us to a task, a job, or even a ministry God calls us to Himself.

Men who make great impacts "stay in the moment" or grow where they're planted.

In other words, don't miss where God has you "where you are" because you cannot impact where you're not.

Resolve to LEAD Our Children

Proverbs 20:6... Who can find a faithful man? **Proverbs 31:10...** Who can find a virtuous woman?

Malachi 4:4-6, "Remember the Law of Moses, my servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

(Matthew 3:13-17, 4:1) - God the Father and His Son, Jesus

Do you know who the children's directors and youth pastors were in the OT and NT? Fathers and Grandfathers; Mothers and Grandmothers.

Resolve to LEAD Our Children

- 1. Affirmation
- 2. Affection
- 3. Appreciation

4. Authorization

Don't set out to raise teenagers... ask God to give you a vision to raise godly young men and virtuous young women

Year of Intentional Discipleship

Develop Him Physically – Regular exercise, 5K?, Baseball

Develop Him Mentally – 1 book per month

Develop Him Spiritually – reading the word of God together, Hand-written Provers

Proverbs 5, 6, 7

Talk about the girls

Talk about Joshua's response