

“The Ripple Effect of Godly Manhood”

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What we celebrate, people aspire to...

Manhood – Fatherhood

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

¹And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ²Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.



Three mistakes Fathers make:

1. They seek their own happiness – chasing the wind – physical separation.

- The tragedy of fatherhood in America.
- Why - a loss of focus – true importance.
- Loving the world.
- **1 John 2:15-17 (NLT)**

2. Physically present – emotionally absent.

- They think a child's main need is physical so emotional needs are not met.
- They might even teach the Word, but don't emotionally connect to it.
- **1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NLT)**

3. Spiritually Passive.

- They love their kids.
- They are physically present.
- They are passive in the things of God.
- **Psalms 78:1-8 (NLT)**

My encouragement for men:

- Abide – guard your relationship with Jesus - **John 15 (NLT)**
- Humble yourself and grow, learn how to impact your family – **Proverbs 15:22 (NLT)**
- Partner – if you are married, with your wife. Also, with men who are Godly examples of manhood.
- Focus! Don't get distracted!

What can women do to be a part of the solution?

1. Before marriage – think in terms of the next generation. Value what God does.

- **2 Corinthians 6:14-17 (NLT)**

2. For the single women and women married to non-Christians

- Pursue spiritual manhood for your kids.
- **2 Timothy 1:5-6 (NLT)**

3. For married women

- Don't expect perfection.
- Understand a man's fear – many were not disciplined and shy away from things they don't know how to do.
- Be excited and supportive when they try; celebrate it.
- Praise them and respect them in front of your kids.
- Don't critique their effort.

Questions to Consider:

1. Which passage of scripture will you read over 2-3 times this week, meditating on God's truth?
2. Which challenge do you tend to gravitate towards?
3. **Men:** Which encouragement will you take a step in? **Ladies:** How are you challenged to be a part of the solution?
4. Who has had a “Ripple Effect” in your life in the area of manhood/fatherhood?
5. Think through the godly men God has placed in your life. How can you honor and celebrate them?