

The Courageous Image of God

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1. Biological or Physical Manhood: *IX + IY UR a Guy* (Genesis 1:24-31)

The first aspect of true manhood is biological. It is evidenced by our physical characteristics. It can be seen and identified at birth without any conversation about one's feelings or leanings or interests.

- God created men.
- God created men as males who are distinct from females.
- God created men to image God in some particular ways.
- God created men with a role to play: to rule over His creation (with women playing their role).

Men are identified through physical indicators. – Genesis 2:7

Men can be identified by looking at them. – Isaiah 57:8

2. Biblical or Practical Manhood: The Glad Assumption of Sacrificial Responsibility (Genesis 2:7-18)

“Biblical masculinity is the glad assumption of sacrificial responsibility.” – Doug Wilson

“This is what it means to be a man – first in, last out, laughing loudest.” – Joe Rigney

The next aspect of true manhood is about the practice of men as designed by God: what should men made in the image of God do? The answer to this is Biblical manhood.

- Man was created and given a job to do (a garden to keep).
- Man was created and given a command to keep.
- Man was created and given a woman to care for.

Biblical manhood is the joyful and courageous embrace of sacrificial responsibility to lead, feed and intercede for the glory of God and the good of others.

So Biblical manhood involves:

- Responsibility – 1 Corinthians 11:3; Matthew 20:25-28; Ecclesiastes 11:9
- Sacrifice - Ephesians 5:23-25
- Joy – Hebrews 12:1-3
- Courage – 1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Joshua 1:9; 1 Samuel 4:9; 2 Samuel 10:12; Ezra 10:4; Psalm 27:14
- Leading - 1 Timothy 3:4-5; John 10:3

- Feeding and Providing – Ephesians 5:28-30; 1 Timothy 5:8; John 21:17
- Interceding and Protecting – Ephesians 5:28-30; John 10:11-15

But how does this apply to single men?

- Leading by example. – 1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:6-8
- Taking responsibility for your own life in order to give. – 1 Thessalonians 2:9; 4:9-12; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
- Caring for others with good deeds. – Titus 2:6-8; 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

3. Redeemed or Principled Manhood: *Men With Chests* (Genesis 3:8-19)

The last aspect of true manhood is about living according to principle (instead of passion) and is ultimately about the necessity of redemption (a new heart).

- Men are not now what they once were. We are fallen men.
- Men are now prone to abdicate their responsibility and simply follow their desires.
- Men need a Savior in order to become men as God designed.

*We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise.
We laugh at honour and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. – CS Lewis*

- To produce men without chests is to abolish man as God created him to be.
- Men without chests are men without a good heart: without a proper value of or fixed conviction of or love for or affection for what is true, good and beautiful.
- Men with chests have all these: a heart-filled affection for what is true, good and beautiful (what is real or reality).
- Men with chests have heads that rule their bellies through their chests.
- To produce men without chests is to produce men whose heads are governed by their bellies.
- Manhood must be redeemed in order to be Biblical. Mankind is fallen. Mankind is powerless to live as defined by God. Mankind is enslaved to sin. But through Christ, men can be forgiven and freed to become like Christ, the Man. – Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:25-28; Romans 10:9-10; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; Hebrews 11:1; Galatians 2:20; John 15:5