

Biblical manhood

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45-49



A proper understanding of biblical manhood or masculinity is critical for both men and women!

1. It will help men learn to **HONOR GOD**
2. It will help women **ENCOURAGE** men and to identify Godly men

WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE (no.1)

The **MACHISMO**: *strong aggressive masculine pride*:

- a. His **strength** - how many are afraid of him.
- b. His **wealth** - achievement or position.
- c. His **sexual** prowess - whom he is able to woe.

WORLDLY PERSPECTIVE (no.2)

By watering down to make **NO DISTINCTION**
between a man and woman

1. The rise of feminism
2. The blurring of sexuality

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

1st Adam

- He was created and became a living being.
- Made from the dust of the ground and given the breath of life from God.
Suitable body for existence on earth
- Given power and authority over everything created by God and named all things even Eve

BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

1st Adam *(CONT)*

- Created before woman and given instructions to live by
- Things go wrong when Adam sinned
 - ✓ God came and asked Adam
 - ✓ Adam failed to disciple his wife
 - ✓ Eyes were opened only after Adam ate
- All born after are born sinners

Biblical manhood can be boiled down to five basic principles :

- 1) **humility** before his God,
- 2) **control** of his appetites,
- 3) **protecting** his family,
- 4) **providing** for his family,
- 5) **leading** his family.

2nd Adam

- Existed from the **beginning**, as Alpha and Omega
- Is a **life giving** Spirit (*creator and sustainer*)
- He **paid the penalty** for our sins
- Was crucified died but was the first among those will be **resurrected** from death to eternal life having new bodies suitable for eternity

PAULS' INVITATION

Take on the image of the one from heaven

1. Who in very nature God, **humbled Himself** and took on the form of man (1Cor 15:45-49)
2. Who chose to **serve** not to be served (Mathew 20:17-28)

Douglas Wilson defines masculinity as “The glad assumption of sacrificial responsibility.”

Is being a man toughness, grit, no fear, no pain?

The martyrs chose sacrificial responsibility.

The ultimate man Jesus leaves us with the challenge to serve

- *Use your **power** to serve*
- *Use your **money** to serve*
- *Use your **prowess** to serve*