

Family Matters

Training Boys To Be Future Men



Biblical Masculinity

- **Consequences of Homosexuality and the Feminist Movement (Gender Identity Crisis)**
How has this affected our culture?
 - * No distinction (unisex)
 - * Confusion/loss of meaning or purpose
 - * Loss of absolute truth (Who says?)

Reason for the confusion:

- Failure of men to lead, instruct, and protect women – Gen. 3:6
Shift blame, not take responsibility,
- The Fall created conflict between men/women - a woman's wrongful desire to usurp authority over her husband (Genesis 3:16 "desire to conquer") and man's misuse of his authority by ruling harshly (uncaring/dictatorial headship). (Col. 3:18,19; Eph. 5:22-33; Titus 2:5; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)
- Loss of distinction between male/female - Deuteronomy 22:5; 1 Corinthians 11:14,15
- Sexual Perversion - Gen. 19:3-11; Jud. 19:22-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Rom. 1:26,27; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Jude 7, 2 Pet. 2:6-10; 1 Tim. 1:9,10

How has this filtered down into the Church?

- * The Egalitarian view
(Gal. 3:27,28/Eph. 5:21 -v- 1 Cor. 11:3,7,9; Eph. 5:22,24)
 - * Effeminate counterfeits (tolerance, soft quiet men, "my feminine side", nice, safe
 - * Men passive/absent, women lead/involved
- **Christ's Example As The Perfect Man:**
What characteristics did Jesus model as the perfect man?

(He lived for the Father's will, led by the Spirit, concerned for other's eternal salvation, obedient, holy, self-sacrificial, loving, understanding, considered others, gentle, a leader, zealous, spoke with the authority of the Scripture, demonstrated righteous indignation, responsible, servant, diligent, willing to suffer for others, chose the right, glorified the Father, kind, forgiving, compassionate, willing to give up the

temporal/present for the future/eternal, hard worker, took time to pray/meditate, relational, disciplined.

(Romans 13:14; Philippians 2:5; 1 John 2:6; 1 Corinthians 11:1)

- Example Godly Male Leadership In The Church:
1 Timothy 2:11,12; 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9
- A Good Definition Of Masculinity:
"The possession and pursuit of redeemed perspective and character, enhanced by qualities consistent with the distinguishing male roles of leading, loving, protecting, and providing – all for the glory of God."

Roles Of A Godly Man/Father:

Servant leadership, Initiator – (Gen. 1:28-30; 2:15,19,20; 9:1-3;

Heb. 2:5-8; Eph. 5:23, 1 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:12) (decisiveness)

Discipline – (Eph. 6:4; Prov. 3:12)

Instruction – (Eph. 6:4; Prov. 4:1-7)

Sacrificially love, cherish, and purify his wife – (Eph. 5:23-33; Col. 3:19; 1 Cor. 13:4-8)

Protect – (1 Pet. 3:7; Matt. 19:6; Num. 1:3)(courage, boldness, strength)

Provide – (1 Tim. 5:8) (hard worker/diligence)

Be sensitive, Understanding – (1 Pet. 3:7) (humble, gentle, kind)

Proverbs 19:22

***"Men must learn to be men themselves before they can teach their boys to be men..."

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- Whether we realize it not, within a few years, our boys are future men in the making.
- We need to set before our sons the Biblical pattern of masculinity.

To Fear God (Prov. 1:7; 9:10)

- Image bearers
- Bring God glory
- Reconciliation/Forgiveness
- Holy Dependence (Is. 40:30,31; Jer. 9:23,24)

To Lead/Rule/Subdue

- Initiate at home
- Stewards of what God has blessed us with
 - proper care of room/equipment/clothes
 - organization of possessions
- Conquer/Be adventurous/Visionary
 - allow boys to explore/build/use their imagination

- outdoors trips/adventuresome
- Take responsibility (Genesis 3:9)
 - “first things first”
 - older lead the younger (Titus 2)
 - self-denial/self-sacrifice
- To respond righteously to conflict/suffering/failure (no excuses) (Prov. 3:25,26)

To Cherish/Nurture/Understand (women)

- To be gentlemen, kind, compassionate, patient
 - response to Mom: “Yes Mom!”
 - helping mom lift/carry things
 - gentle treatment of sisters (considerate/sensitive)
- Well mannered (respectful) (not rude/gross/inappropriate)
 - opening doors, help getting seated, stand when greeting
 - treatment of furniture, table manners, hats off during prayer

To Be Strong/Protect/Defend

- Brave/Courageous/Warrior (tough yet tender) (Deut. 24:5; Neh. 4:9-23; 31:3; Jud. 3:1,2; 2 Sam. 13:17-22; 1 Sam. 21:8)
 - teach boys to be strong/do hard things (Ps. 20:7; 28:7; 33:16-18; 46:1; 147:10,11; Jer. 9:23,24; Prov. 20:29)
 - teach boys how to defend themselves/family
 - read biographies of brave or courageous men
 - read Joshua, Judges, Kings and Chronicles
- Just/Good (Prov. 20:11; 21:3)
 - teach boys to be just/fair in their relationships
- To initiate/be aggressive (Testosterone)
 - allow boys to wrestle, grow their imagination
- Just war/willing to fight for what is right (Righteous indignation) (Rom. 13:1-7; Ps. 144:1; 2 Sam. 22:35)
- Self Control in sports competition. (1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Tim.

To Be The Provider (1 Tim. 5:8)

- To work hard (not be lazy/be on time/finish well/not be distracted) (Prov. 10:4,5,22; 13:4,21; 14:23,24; 12:24; 28:20; 6:6-11; 19:24,25; 20:4; 26:13-17; 19:15; 15:19)
 - regular home responsibilities/chores (cook, clean, yard work)
 - work together on a home project
 - finish a project you start
 - same rules apply to everyone (family expectations)
 - accept work cheerfully
- To learn proper response to a boss (Ephesians 6:5-9)

- * work as unto the Lord from your heart
- * not just when someone's eye is watching you
- * self-motivated, takes the initiative without being asked

Colossians 3:22-24

- * give it your best regardless

Titus 2:9,10

- * not talk back
- * not rob your employer/be trustworthy in all things
- * a good reputation/opportunity for the gospel

Galatians 6:4,5; 1 Peter 2:18-23; 1 Timothy 6:1,2

- youth fundraisers
- part-time jobs

- To save (Prov. 13:11,22; 21:5,20)
 - personal banks/savings account
- To give (Prov. 3:9)
 - allow children to place money in the offering
 - challenge teens to give a % of money earned to the Lord.

To Serve

- The Church
 - volunteer for service projects at church (Harvest fest/carpet)
- The poor (Prov. 3:27,28)
 - sponsor a child from Compassion
 - assist a family in need (painting/help someone move)
 - eliminate clutter and give to charity
- The widow and orphans
 - yard work or repair work
- Missions
 - go on a mission trip as a family (Mexico/Gleanings)
- Hospitality
 - invite people over on a regular basis
- Others
 - looks for ways to serve the family without being asked
 - self denial/self-sacrifice/self-sacrifice
- Our enemies (Prov. 25:21,22; Matt. 5:44-48; 1 Jn. 2:9-11; 4:19,20)

To Honor and Respect Authority

- government (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Pet. 2:13-17; Matt. 22:21; Ti. 3:1; 1 Tim. 2:2)
- church leadership (Heb. 13:17; 1 Thess. 5:12,13)
- parents (Eph. 6:1-3; Col. 3:20; Ex. 20:12; Prov. 23:22; 1 Tim. 5:1,2)
 - first time obedience
 - "Yes, Mom/Dad!"
 - Don't allow a disrespectful tone of voice or words spoken.
- elderly (Lev. 19:32; 1 Pet. 5:5; 1 Tim. 5:1,2)
 - teach boys to respect the elderly and come to their aid
 - help at grandmas house

- write letters
- each other (Matt. 7:2; Phil. 2:3-5; Rom. 12:10; 15:1,2; 1 Cor. 10:23,24)
 - care of other's things (return borrowed items in the same condition)
 - respect another's privacy
- one's word (Ps. 15:4; Hos. 10:4; Prov. 20:25; 26:18,19)
 - keep your promises
- one's body (1 Cor. 3:16,17; 6:19,20; 11:14; 2 Thess. 4:3-7; Rom. 13:13,14)
 - Problem of "being cool" or "fads" (Matt. 6:30)
 - dignity (how you dress/what you do with your body)
 - train to exercise regularly
 - train in healthy eating/self control with sweets
- care for Creation/exercise dominion (Gen. 1:15,26-30; 2:15,19,20)
 - issue of trash/graffiti
 - unnecessary destruction of life (subdue without destroying)
 - lessons learned in gardening/weeding/yard care
 - lessons learned in outdoor adventures/camping/backpacking
 - responsibility taking care of a pet

To Be Wise/Pursue Wisdom (Proverbs)

- Love God with his mind
 - develop a personal quiet time with God reading the Word
 - attend regular church events to grow in one's faith
 - Christ-centered videos/books
- To be teachable-willing to learn/humble/patient
- To guard his heart (Prov. 4:23; 23:7)
 - what he listens to/choice of music
 - what he watches/video games (Ps. 101:3,4)
- Choose good friends (Prov. 12:26; 13:20; 27:5,6,9,10,17; 1 Cor. 15:33; Ps. 119:63; Ja. 2:23; 4:4)

To Evangelize/present the gospel

- Brokenness over lost people
 - take your kids witnessing
 - teach your children a missions mindset for lost friends
 - invite friends to church events

Boys are threatened from two directions

- tempted from within
 - laziness/least path of resistance/taking the easy road
 - distraction (not doing first things first)
 - fear of failure
 - ignorance
- tempted from without (hostile culture to Biblical values)

Our Boys Need Our Ongoing Praise And Encouragement