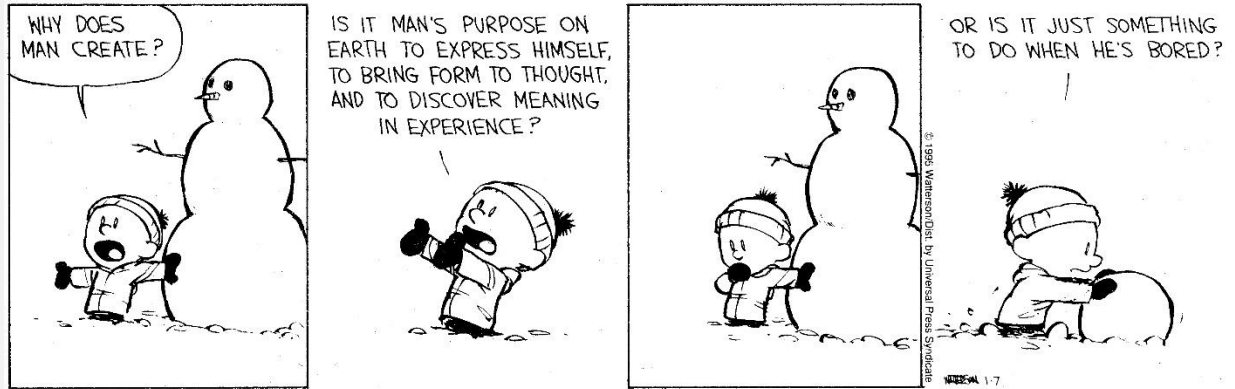


Lesson 2: A Biblical View of Manhood

Can We Discover the Biblical View of Gender?



1st Corinthians 16:13-14 ESV

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

Genesis 4:5-7 NKJV

But He [God] did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?" ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

"Maybe a man is better when he's a dangerous man who's being good than he would be if he was a good man who wasn't capable of being dangerous."

- Jordan Peterson

The FIRST rule of manhood, a man is called to know and follow His creator.

He is, undeniably, purposed to be a _____ of _____.

The SECOND rule of manhood, a man is called to control his _____.

This world wants to neuter men, to strip us of our identity and capabilities, because of the dangerous potential within us.

But God made men dangerous, and a Godly man is called to be a _____ for good.

Ruling over _____ is part of the struggle. But this can only truly be done through the power of God.

A Corollary to the Second Rule: Single or married, a real man tames his passions. He doesn't abuse women or children; he protects them. He keeps his hands off a woman who is not his wife and treats his wife with love, respect, and dignity. He keeps his eyes off pornographic images. He protects the innocent, the pure, and those who cannot defend themselves.

He's a man with a heart, head, and conscience.

He's not defined by his exploits _____ the _____.

This is where Joseph succeeded, and Samson utterly failed.

Think of the qualifications for church leadership, how many of these are really just the qualifications of a great Godly man?

1st Timothy 3:1-7 NKJV

This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. ² A ~~bishop~~ then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, ~~able to teach~~; ³ not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous;

⁴ one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence ⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶ not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Keep this list in mind as we visit the next three rules

1st Timothy 5:8 NKJV

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household,

The THIRD rule of manhood, a man is called to _____ and to be _____.

A man who doesn't work, who can't keep a job, who moves from job to job, or who refuses to assume his responsibility creates insecurity in his wife and children. Every man needs to provide for his family, which also means taking responsibility to provide for emotional and spiritual needs. A father should train his children and prepare them to become responsible adults who know how to negotiate the swift and sometimes evil currents of culture.

The FOURTH rule of manhood, a man is called to _____.

When you hear a sound from downstairs, it is time to “man up” and go check it out.

And this extends beyond the physical to the spiritual and also emotional.

Proverbs describes a father who protects his son by passing on wisdom and helping him build Godly character.

he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Proverbs 4:10-15 NKJV

*Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,
And the years of your life will be many.*

*¹¹ I have taught you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in right paths. ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hindered,
And when you run, you will not stumble.*

¹³ Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

¹⁴ Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil.

¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

FIFTH rule of manhood, a man is called to be a _____ - _____.

Leadership in the Bible is not about dominance, and certainly not about ego, but about character, serving and sacrifice.

This picture is utterly incompatible with worldly ideas of leadership and “ruling”.

It is even incompatible with the old ideas about gender and rule and certainly incompatible with the new ideas about gender as well.

This is God’s plan, and because of Ephesians 5:30, the world will _____ this plan.

Ephesians 5:25-29 NKJV

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

Micah 6:8 NKJV

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?*

The BONUS rule, the _____ of a man's life should be his _____
with God. The man who fulfills his purpose and calling from His creator will be motivated,
empowered, and able to endure the difficult responsibilities that come his way.