

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Biblical Manhood, Pt. 1

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LEAD?

“At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, to provide for, and to protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships.”

Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (p. 36)

by John Piper and Wayne Grudem

IMPORTANT TRUTH: The society of Mankind was designed by God to exercise leadership. Mankind – male and female – has been created equally to reflect the image of God.

- a. Gen. 1:26
- b. Gen. 1:27
- c. Gen. 1:28

1. Masculine Leadership Expresses Itself in Strength and Sacrifice.

- a. The act of moving life toward a goal
 - i. in a material sense – 1 Tim. 5:8, Gal. 6:10
 - ii. in a spiritual sense – Rom. 11:13-22, 12:1; Eph. 5:23-25
- b. In the best interest of others, not one’s self
 - i. 1 Thess. 4:1-8

2. Masculine Leadership Advocates the Authority of Christ for Others (1 John 2:1-2).

- a. A legal advocate who makes the right judgment call.
 - i. He **comes** to us
 - ii. He is **honest** with us
 - iii. He offers **mercy** and **grace** to us
 - iv. He **forgives** and **pardons** us
 - v. He **accepts, encourages, and equips** us
- b. 2 Cor. 5:17-20

3. Masculine Leadership Provides a General Pattern of Responsibility Initiatives.

- a. Initiative of Wisdom – Pv. 4:1-4, 10-13
- b. Initiative of Family Life – Ps. 127 and 128



**O the depth of the riches
and the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are His judgments!
How unsearchable are His ways!**

**For, ‘Who has known the mind of the LORD?
Who has been His counselor?’¹
Or, ‘Who has given Him anything
and made Him pay it back?’²**

**For from Him and through Him
and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever!
Amen.**

- Rm. 11:33-36 CJB

1. Isaiah 40:13

2. Job 41:11