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 LeadershipExpresses 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