

Moving Forward in Faithfulness

Biblical Manhood, Pt. 2

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE RESPONSIBLE AS A BENEVOLENT PROVIDER?

“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: We must bring this subject matter into the context of the divine design:

- a. Creation Plan: Gen. 1:26-27
- b. Creation Responsibility: Gen. 1:28
- c. Prophetic Plan: Rev. 21 and 2 Peter 3:8-13

**Between the Creation Responsibility
and the Future Prophetic Plan
is the Present Reality.**

How am I to understand “Benevolent provision”?
(Ephesians 5)

- a. Provide for others the reality of ***the love of God*** which you have come to know and experience
 - i. Be an imitator of God as His beloved child (5:1)

- ii. Be an imitator of Christ’s love toward us (5:2)
- b. Provide for others the reality of ***walking in the light of God’s pleasure*** (5:8-10)
- c. Provide for others ***an understanding of what the will of the Lord is*** (5:18 - 6:9)
 - i. “be filled with the Spirit”
 - ii. express to one another the ***worth*** of God
 - iii. position yourself to demonstrate the headship of Christ



**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