

Study Guide

Topics From Proverbs | Biblical Manhood

1. Discuss together, what it means to be a man? Did God create men for a purpose? What does the Scripture reveal about biblical manhood?
2. Read Genesis 1:27 and Mark 10:6. How do humans reflect the image of God? How many genders did God create? Read Genesis 2:18. What do we learn from this passage?
3. Read Ephesians 5:31-32. What do the marriage roles symbolize?
4. Read Ephesians 5:23-26. Discuss the sacrificial headship of Christ and husbands from the following perspectives:
 - a. Protection
 - b. Purity
 - c. Provision
5. Notice that Jesus was single. Discuss the following passages that support the virtues of biblical manhood apart from whether or not men are married:
 - a. Protection (1 Cor. 16:13)
 - b. Purity (Prov. 31:3; Prov. 25:28; Prov. 7:6&22)
 - c. Provision (1 Tim. 5:8; Prov. 24:33-34)
6. Pray for the Christian men of America. Ask God to break strongholds and help men to be men. Ask God for wisdom in raising modern day men in our culture. Consider how the men you know could use the help of others: "Iron sharpens iron, as one man sharpens another." Prov. 27:17

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Five Pictures

Marlboro man

Football jock

The Metrosexual guy

BEEGEEES

Braveheart

Theme- When men act like men, they offer protection, purity and provision.

I. Gender-specific Roles Represent the Nature of God

A. God Created Two Image-bearing Genders.

Genesis 1:27- "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Mark 10:6 (Jesus) "But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' "

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Gen. 2:18- "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.'"

B. God Created Marital Oneness to Illustrate Christ and the Church

Eph. 5:31-32 (Genesis 2:24)

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."

C. God Created Sacrificial Headship to Illustrate Christ and the Church

1. Christ and the Church

Eph. 5:23- "For the **husband** is the **head** of the wife even as **Christ** is the **head** of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior."

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Genesis 3:9- "But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'"

2. Marriage

Eph. 5:25- 26 "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

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a. Protection

"...gave himself up for her,"

b. Purity

"...sanctify her..."

c. Provision

"...by the washing of water with the word,"

II. Singleness

Jesus was single! Protection, purity & provision

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1 Cor. 7:32b-34a

"One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord;³³ but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how he may please his wife,³⁴ and *his interests* are divided."

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v. 35b- "...to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord."

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inappropriate- (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-28; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; 1 Tim. 1:8-11; Jude 1:7)

III. Tough and Tender (like Jesus)

A. Protection- Be tough!

1. Strength

1 Cor. 16:13 "...act like men! Be strong! Let all that you do be done in love."

Prov. 31:8-9- Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.

2. Wisdom

Proverbs 4:1 "Hear, O sons, a father's instruction,"

Proverbs 4:6- "Do not forsake her [wisdom], and she will keep you; love her, and she will protect you."

B. Purity- Be tough!

Prov. 31:3- "Do not spend your strength on women, your vigor on those who ruin kings."

Prov. 25:28- "A man without self-control is like a city broken down and without walls."

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Prov. 7:6 & 22 "...suddenly he follows her as an ox goes to the slaughter...until an arrow pierces through his liver....so he does not know that **it will cost him his life.**"

OR

Prov. 27:17: "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another."

C. Provision – Be tough!

1 Tim. 5:8- "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

Prov. 24:33-34 "A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest, then your poverty will come as a robber and your want like an armed man."

D. The Tender Shepherd

Psalm 147:3

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

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Last 22 seconds of the clip! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsYpKRbRF1c>