



We Possess Unrelenting Hope Because of God's Design for Men

Selected Scriptures

Scripture Reading

Psalm 112

"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."

- John Piper and Wayne Grudem
Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood
(Crossway, 1991, Pg. 36)

THREE TRUTHS REGARDING BIBLICAL MANHOOD —

1. God's Creative Design for Men is "Mature Masculinity"

- a. Expresses itself in the strength to serve and to sacrifice
- b. Advocates the authority of Christ
- c. Mobilizes the strengths of others
- d. Leads by example, allowing others to assume responsibilities
- e. Accepts the burden of the "final say," being sure not to harm others

- f. Relates to women with dignity and maturity
- g. Recognizes the call to leadership is a call to repentance, humility, and honest self-evaluation

2. God's Calling for Men is to Possess "a Sense of Benevolent Responsibility"

- a. Matthew 22:34-40
- b. Ephesians 5
 - (1.) imitator of God as His beloved child (v 1)
 - (2.) imitator of Christ's love toward us (v 2)
 - (3.) provide the reality of walking in the light of God's pleasure (vv 9-10)
 - (4.) provide an understanding of what the will of the LORD is (vv 15-18)

3. God's Character is Modeled as Men Lead, Provide for, and Protect Women "in Ways Appropriate to a Man's Differing Relationships"

- a. Luke 10:38-42, John 11:5 – Jesus led with truth
- b. John 4:9-26 – Jesus provided their most valuable asset
- c. John 8:1-11 – With mercy, grace, and instruction, Jesus protected from unlawful abuse

