



## **Being A Real Man** (Sunday November 19, 2006)

### **Why a message like this?**

Need a clear definition of manhood – what does it mean to be a man?

- Breakdown of manhood at home
- Lifestyle of great achievers and celebrities has in many cases misrepresented the meaning of manhood
- Modern thought has confused “male” with “animal”
- Modern advertising has created a warped image of manhood

Need to challenge the men in the Church to walk by the Biblical definition/Biblical description of manhood.

What did God have in mind when He said “Let us make man in our image...” (Genesis 1:26)? While “man” is used in the generic sense – this gives us a starting point to paint our picture of true manhood.

True manhood derives its identity in God.

Therefore the Bible is the place to look, to develop our description of manhood – what does it mean to be a man?

### **(#1) A Real-Man values character before appearance and wisdom over strength.**

Character before appearance

Proverbs 31:

Wisdom over strength

Proverbs 21:22 “A wise man scalesh the city of the mighty..”

Proverbs 24:5 “A wise man is strong...”

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Ecclesiastes 9:16,18 “Wisdom is better than strength...”, “Wisdom is better than weapons of war...”

### **(#2) A Real-Man has his appetites in control**

Proverbs 16:32 He who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city.

Proverbs 25:28 He who does not have rule over his own spirit is like a city whose walls are broken down.

Sexuality, Desire for achievements, Work, special interests – our appetite for all of these have to be kept in control.

1 Corinthians 9:27

### **(#3) A Real-Man rubs shoulders with other Real men**

Proverbs 27:17



It takes a man to “make” a man.  
Allows others to mentor him. Learns from other men.

#### **(#4) A Real-Man is not afraid of servanthood**

Matthew 20:25-28

A Real Man is not afraid of positions of servanthood because he understands that true greatness springs from serving.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served.  
Meekness is not perceived as a weakness.

#### **(#5) A Real-Man has one enemy – the devil**

God did not commission the man saying “fill the earth, subdue and have dominion over the woman”.

Ephesians 6:12

Proverbs 20:3 “It is an honour for a man to cease from strife...”

A husband who is a real-man treats his wife with honour (1 Peter 3:7) and does not violent (physically or verbally) towards her.

#### **(#6) A Real-Man fulfills his responsibility as husband and father**

1 Timothy 5:8

A husband who is a real-man fulfills his God-appointed function to love, nourish and cherish his wife.

#### **(#7) A Real-Man is Christlike**

“Manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous” – Dr. Ed Cole

Ephesians 4:13 “...to a mature man (Gr. Male), to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”

Matthew 8:27 “What kind of man is this?”

Godliness, obedience, are words that are treasured.  
Loved righteousness and hated iniquity. (Hebrews 1:9)  
A real-man is able to forgive.

#### **Word for Women**

Singles – A you seek the Lord for “Mr. Right” look for a “Real Man”.

Wives – Pray for your husbands that they would be “Real Men”. Support and encourage them.

Mothers – Pray for your boys that they grow up to be Real Men. Speak the wisdom of God into their lives. Proverbs 31:1-3



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