

Study Guide

Message: Honoring *godly* men!

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5.7, Joshua 24.15, Genesis 2.18



Introduction: We live in a world of conflict and competing views about masculinity, what it truly means to be a man or manly. The **biblical** view from the Scriptures teaches:

In the beginning...(Genesis 1):

- a) God made man in His image (reflection)
- b) God made man distinct (recognizable)
- c) God made man for headship (role)
- d) God made man to walk with Him (relationship)

‘Biblical masculinity is a man who is physically **recognizable** as a male, **reflects** God’s character, walks in daily **relationship** with Him, and embraces his **role** as **head** of the home and a leader of the community.’

‘When you **respect** men’s headship, it **reflects** your honor of God.’

Problem: A lack of reverence for man’s headship disrupts God’s order, covering and blessings for marriage, family, and community, and opens the door to dishonor, chaos, and even judgment.

Reflective Questions:

- a) How does culture shape our understanding of masculinity?
- b) What is the difference between biblical and culture masculinity?
- c) How do Christ followers navigate masculinity in a time of gender equality?

Three attributes of a godly man:

1. A *godly man* walks by _____ – His faith grounds him.
Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5.7, Genesis 5.24, Hebrews 11.5-6

Reflective Questions:

- a) Where in my life am I relying more on sight than on faith?
- b) What is one area I need to trust God with more deeply?
- c) Am I checking my feelings before relying on my faith in God?

Action to take:

- a) What fears do you have that your faith needs to overcome?

- b) Where is God calling you to trust him (apply for a job, forgive someone, start a business, etc.)?
- c) What promises of God's word will you stand on?
- 2. A godly man leads his _____ – His family defines the *legacy of his headship*. Scripture: Joshua 24.15

Reflective Questions: connect, direct, protect, inspect, and project

- a) Do you feel seen and valued in our relationship? Genesis 2.24
- b) Does my husband's heart trust me? Proverbs 31.11
- c) How can I direct my children to the Lord? Deuteronomy 6.6-7
- d) How can I protect my children better? Nehemiah 4.14
- e) Do I allow God through His word search my heart? Psalms 139.23-24
- f) Do I have clarity about the vision for our family? Proverbs 29.18

Action to take:

- a) What do you need to do to prioritize your wife above others?
- b) What virtuous wife traits do you need to start?
- c) How often do you talk to your children about the Lord?
- d) Ask God if there is anything not like Him in your home.
- e) What has God shown you that needs to be changed?
- f) Begin to share with your family the vision for the family.

Point: A godly man leads his family - *connecting* with his wife, *directing* his children, *protecting* his home, *inspecting* his own character, and *projecting* a vision for the legacy of generations to come.

- 3. A godly man lives in _____. A godly man does not walk alone he lives within a circle of influence. Scriptures: Genesis 2.18, Ecclesiastes 4.9-10, Proverbs 18.1

Action to Take: Name your circle that supports you, strengthens you, and those that you will send out to live beyond you:

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____