

BIBLICAL MANHOOD
1 Timothy 2:1-8

INTRODUCTION

Made in the Image of God (Gen.1:24-31)

1. God made men and women in His image
 - a. What does "image" mean?
 - i. Structural
 - ii. Relational
 - iii. Functional
 - iv. Functional holism
 - v. **Bruce Ware**, *"The image of God in man as functional holism means that God made human beings, both male and female, to be created and finite representations (images of God) of God's own nature, that in relationship with Him and each other they might be His representatives (imaging God) in carrying out the responsibilities He has given to them. In this sense, we are images of God in order to image God and His purposes in the ordering of our lives and the carrying out of our God-given responsibilities."*
 - b. What do we reflect of who God is?
 - i. Who He is in whose we are
 - ii. What He does in how we live
 - iii. Equal in dignity and importance
 1. **Genesis 5:1-2**
 2. **Galatians 3:28**
2. God made men and women to give Him glory and enjoy Him forever
 - a. **Psalms 16:9-11**
 - b. **Habakkuk 2:14**

Biblical Manhood in Adam

1. God made Adam first (**Genesis 2:7**)
2. Adam is the name of man (**Genesis 5:2**)

3. Adam named the beasts and Eve (**Genesis 2:20, 3:20**)
4. There is order, then, in God's creation.

Biblical Manhood Challenged

1. Satan's twisting of Manhood (**Genesis 3**)
 - a. Robbing God of glory (questioning God's work/order, therefore His character)
 - b. By distorting God's image in men
2. Adam's sin
 - a. Though it was Eve that was deceived, it was Adam's sin that brought sin into the human race
 - b. Sin nature yields sinful choices
3. Sinful expressions
 - a. At every turn this is a distortion of manhood and, therefore, God's image - what Satan has always gone after
 - a. Men not leading Spiritually (home, church, world)
 - b. Men not leading like Christ (forsaking sacrificial leadership for passivity...aggressive or not)
 - c. Men finding deeper satisfaction in distorted images than the Creator
 - i. **1 John 2:15-17**
 - ii. Success at Work
 - iii. Lust of the eyes & flesh
 - iv. Confused control & power
 - v. The Example of David

Biblical Manhood Redeemed

1. The 2nd Adam (**Romans 5:12-21**)
 - a. Sin came in through Adam, therefore all are sinners (not fair? grace is greater.)
 - b. Sin deserves death (always has)
 - c. Salvation is a gift of grace (free)
 - d. Salvation brings life (justification and righteousness)
 - e. Grace is greater than all sin (through Jesus Christ our Lord)

2. Displaying Christ (**1 Timothy 2:1-8**)
 - a. This means, that every role of men is to put the glory of the gospel on display -- God has designed manhood to put Christ on display, this means the gospel of grace
 - b. As men
 - c. As husbands
3. Glorifying and Enjoying
 - a. **Revelation 15:1-4**
 - b. We are designed to be fans...perhaps obsessive
 - i. Men may not appear to be the readers or relational giants in the land, but they will read the sports the page and articles on how to improve their hobbies (tech, sports, fishing, etc)
 - ii. We are designed to go after and fuel our greatest passions.
 - iii. Men, you are created to love Christ more than sports, gadgets, cars, even house and home
 - c. Men are to lead the way in the enjoyment of God (in the home, in the church)
 - i. Being with God's people should be your initiative, not your wife's
 - ii. Being exuberant in worship, should be your example, not your daughters
 - iii. Breaking open the word and praying in the home should be your initiative, not your wife's.

Application

1. Are you a man?
 - a. You've been created by God on purpose for a purpose
 - b. You've inherited a sin problem from the first man, Adam
 - c. You have an advocate who stands before God for sinners like us, the second Adam, Jesus
 - d. Should you trust Christ as the perfect God-man to save you, having lived, died, risen and ascended, then you must turn from living your selfish man life and be God's man for the rest of your life

2. Putting God on display in our manhood
 - a. Home (**Eph.5:25-33; Col.3:19**)
 - i. Leading spiritually
 - ii. Serving sacrificially
 - iii. Being an agent of sanctification (lead evangelist and disciple-maker in the home)
 - b. Church (**1 Tim.2:2; Titus 2:1-8**)
 - i. Leading spiritually
 - ii. Serving sacrificially
 - iii. Teaching in the hands of reliable men
 - iv. Men training younger men to be men in home, church, and the world
 - v. Worship (**1 Tim.2:8**) - pray, exalt -- Being a man, means you are to be a worshipper of the Almighty God through Christ Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit
 - c. World
 - i. Live commendably (**1 Thes.4:9-12**)
 - ii. Risk for the sake of Christ (**Acts 15:24-26**)
 - iii. Be extra-ordinary (**Acts 17:1-9**) - one thing you notice in reading the Bible all the way through is how God uses very ordinary, oftentimes very messed up, men.
3. Women...
 - a. Do you complain more about the men in your lives than pray that they become God's man?
 - b. Wives, you should make it a joy to lead, not assuming a role of leadership.
 - c. Young single ladies, be the kind of woman this kind of man would long for!
4. Glorify God and Enjoy Him FOREVER
 - a. Becoming passionate for God so that you order your life around Him
 - b. You search for ways to be closer to Him and better at showing Him