

Entrust Biblical Masculinity Lesson 1 : Introduction 10/6/22

Opening reading: Gen 1:1, 1:24-31; Gen 2:1-25; 1 Cor 16:13-14; 2 Tim 2:1-2.

I. Introduction:

1. Limitations

2. Supplemental Reading

a. The sufficiency of Scripture

- i. When it comes to understanding God's plan for a man, we look to Scripture, not culture
- ii. God created men and the idea of masculinity. So, it follows that his book and revealed word is sufficient to speak on the topic of masculinity

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness...

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

b. Various recommended works:

- i. *Let the Men be Men*, by Chris Mueller
- ii. *Raising Men, Not Boys: Shepherding Your Sons to Be Men of God*, by Mike Fabarez
- iii. *It's Good to Be a Man*, by Michael Foster & Dominic Tennant
- iv. *Future Men*, by Douglas Wilson

v. *Family Shepherds*, by Voddie Bauchum

vi. *The Masculine Mandate*, by Rick Philips

c. The centrality of Scripture and Masculinity

d. Also, God has directly stated that it is necessary for men to store up God's word in their heart.

i. The difference between a man in battle who has his weapons & ammo on him, and the man who says, in the battle, "Hold up, enemy, let me run back to the base and get my weapon and ammo"

Ephesians 6:17 take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

ii. Assignment privileges this week:

1. Read the Foreword & Intro (LTMBM)

2. Mem Gal 2:20

3. Potential topics in the series (not necessarily in this order):

1. Masculinity & the fear of God
2. Masculinity & Embracing Discomfort
3. Masculinity & Work
4. Masculinity & Marriage
5. Masculinity & Parenting
6. Masculinity & Pride
7. Masculinity & the local church
8. Masculinity & Men as Protectors
9. Masculinity & Worship
10. Etc

II. What is God's kind of masculinity?

a. What it is not:

- i. Myths on masculinity
- ii. What if a man loses the use of his arms; or gets paralyzed; or an illness that greatly reduces his mobility. Does that mean he can no longer walk in God's kind of masculinity?
- iii. Masculinity is not about being an independent tough guy who needs nothing and no one. It's about understanding how dependent, needy, and weak we are apart from the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ every day (cf. 2 Cor 12:10)
- iv. Masculinity cannot be anything that involves disobedience to God. Whatever masculinity involves, if we suppose it is defined by something that is disobedience to Scripture, it cannot be masculinity.
- v. "Get in touch with our feminine side"?

b. Masculinity must be defined by the Creator of humans and men; the God of the Bible.

c. The male gender

Genesis 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

*To deny that there are only male and female sex/gender; for a male to deny oneself as male; or some combination, is to commit the evil which Romans 1 hits at head on:

Romans 1:18–20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,¹⁹ because that which is known about

God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

d. Definition:

One way to define God's kind of masculinity / biblical masculinity:

A man who seeks to embrace God's commands and necessary implications of his commands for the male gender as revealed in Scripture

III. 3 Realities of Biblical Masculinity

a. **Biblical masculinity faces opposition**

b. Biblical **masculinity takes effort**

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Philippians 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

c. Biblical masculinity requires the Person and grace of Jesus Christ

Matthew 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Acts 17:30-31 “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all *people* everywhere should repent, ³¹ because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.”

John 15:5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing”
(Including the obedience of living in God’s kind of masculinity)

Phil 2:13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The book of Proverbs (most of which was originally written to young men) - the instruction of Proverbs requires effort!

Galatians 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”