

Father's Day – 2018 Biblical Manhood

Introduction:

1. C.S. Lewis – “men without chests”
2. Phil Robertson – Duck Dynasty – “chickified yuppies”
3. ***Proverbs 14:26 “in the fear of the Lord one has strong confidence, and his children will have refuge”***
4. ***Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”***
5. King David speaking to Solomon – ***1 Kings 2:2 “I am about to go the way of all the earth – so be strong, act like a man”***
6. These verses summarize what I would call Biblical Manhood

Prerequisites to being a Good Father:

1. Being a man, functioning as a man, taking responsibility as a man, thinking like a man, acting like a man, working like a man, all of these are prerequisites to being a good Father!
2. Men's Thesaurus

Boys in Crisis:

1. TED Talk by psychologist and professor at Stanford U. Philip Zimbardo “The Demise of guys”
2. The problem is twofold: isolation and arousal addiction. Their brains are being rewired

Saving Men:

1. The pressing issues facing the church today: I came up with a few of them including poor theology, absent spiritual disciplines, financial debt, and rampant distraction and business, and I also said that one big problem in the church is that we have too few good, strong, godly men.
2. Absent fathers, spiking divorce rates, and the pornification of society
3. If we can figure out a way to recapture the spirit of Biblical Manhood – to courageously follow God and lead others – then we can solve a lot of the world's problems.
4. The basic argument in the US is that women are great with relationships but men not
5. If you'll follow the principles of Christianity, whether you're a Christian or not, and if you'll follow the principles of love, kindness, patience and forgiveness, then virtually any two people in the world can succeed with each other.
6. Bible never talks of soul mates
7. The YOLO generation (millennials) – 80 million strong
8. 43% like the idea of a Beta marriage
9. It is like ripping packing tape off your arm – do that constantly and it has no more stick
10. People do that with their hearts and it leaves scars
11. Fatherlessness and a lack of Biblical Manhood isn't just in the world, it's a problem in the church too.

Girls need Fathers too:

1. Girls are in crisis as well – try to fill the “daddy hole”
2. Historical perspective – the men moved out to the “Wild West”
3. The change came when women moved there as well
4. The problem today is if women of that day were to be like women of today, men would still be pigs.
5. 30-year-old men still living with mama – only skill are video games
6. I really believe in my heart of hearts that if we could get through to the millennial female and teach them to succeed with the men and how to approach men, I believe we could change our culture today.
7. The Bible says that the strong women of the church should be teaching the weak ones how to live. (Titus 2:2)
8. This is true for men as well – where are the mentors?

Satan’s Plan:

1. We have a generation who grew up (and are growing up) isolated from people and distant from the church.
2. They have been taught by evolutionists and atheists that their life is meaningless, that they have no future beyond death, and that there are no consequences to their actions.
3. Recent surveys - The father’s influence and participation in church attendance and the spiritual development of his children is a great indicator of how successful families are at passing their faith on to the next generation.
4. An MSNBC study on how fathers influence the moral decisions of their children shows that *“Fathers have a large and very important role in the lives and futures of their children—in fact, double the influence on the moral development.”*
5. In 2014 births out of wedlock for whites were at 29 percent; Hispanics, 53 percent; and blacks, 71 percent.
6. Today 1 in 4 children under the age of 18 — a total of about 17.2 million — are being raised without a father.
7. Boys don’t need special education training, nor do they need Ritalin or Adderall to calm them down, so they can act more like girls.
8. Girls need their daddy’s

What can we do?

1. Teach young men how to courageously follow God and lead others to faith
2. Pray for the men in your life
3. Be good fathers
4. Men, find and care for other’s children
5. Don’t only look in the church walls – they are not going to come to you
6. This church – this community – this nation needs Godly men who will do what God demands of them