

Gender in the Home (Part 1): Boys and Fatherhood

INTRODUCTION

1. Does the sex of our children, or our sex as parents, make any difference in the substance of our parenting?
2. Not focusing on description, but prescription—God's purpose in making boys and girls

WHAT IS GOD'S BIG PICTURE ON GENDER?

1. God intends to display his image differently through men and women, who are created equally in that image.
2. Men and women are not interchangeable. Instead, the biblical idea is that they complement one another.
3. Complementarity is shown in godly headship and submission in marriage, but it is also fleshed out in men's and women's relationships generally.

Parenthood

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WHAT IS BIBLICAL MANHOOD, AND HOW DO WE TEACH IT?

“At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships” (John Piper, “A Vision of Biblical Complementarity,” *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, 29).

1. “Mature Masculinity”

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

2. “A Sense”

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

3. “Benevolent Responsibility”

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

4. “To Lead”

Leadership involves service and sacrifice.

Leadership does not presume superiority, but cultivates and mobilizes the strengths of others.

Leadership does not have to initiate every action, but feels the responsibility to provide a general pattern of initiative.

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

5. “To Provide”

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

6. “To Protect”

- a. Sons
- b. Fathers

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PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

“Fathers, don’t stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

1. Embody Manhood

2. Instruct on manhood

3. Rehearse manhood

4. Inspire manhood

“What we have to do is make Christianity attractive . . . [and to show] that there is nothing in life comparable to being a Christian. We should create in them a desire to be like us . . . They should be saying to themselves, “I long to be as old as they are, so that I can enjoy it as they obviously do.” Our method must never be mechanical, legal, repressive. Our testimony must never be forced, but in all we are and do and say, let them know that we ourselves are bond-slaves of Jesus Christ, that God in His grace has opened our eyes and awakened us to the world, and that our greatest desire for them is to enter the same knowledge and have the same joy and have the highest privilege in the world, that of serving the Lord and living to the praise of the glory of His grace” (D. Martin Lloyd-Jones).

PREPARATION FOR NEXT LESSON:

- Read “Training Our Kids in a Culture That Affirms Transgenderism” by Denny Burk at www.crossway.org/articles/training-our-kids-in-a-culture-that-affirms-transgenderism/