Biblical Manhood

Before I begin this message, first let me preface it with….

This is from a guy who didn’t always get it, it still doesn’t always get, someone who falls short at times, but someone who is not perfect, but rather perfect able.

**First Adam/ Second Adam**

The Bible describes **Jesus** as the 2nd Adam.

* Rom 5:17-19
* Through Adam, sin entered the world, but through Jesus, **righteousness** entered the world.
* Jesus fulfilled the responsibilities of the 1st Adam, who failed miserably. (Obeyed GOD and loved His bride)
* 1 Cor 15:45-47

Every man will walk in the shadow of one of these 2 men

* Darkness – Adam
* Light – Jesus

The 1st Adam chose **“conventional manhood.”** Its manhood based on personal instinct, human reason or human reaction. – Selfish, takes life out of others, not living for eternity but self, shouts “I got this”. Self willed, self made, self centered.

Jesus is the example of **authentic manhood**. – What it really means to be a man, in which we will look at.

**REAL Man**

**R**ejects passivity

* Adam was passive in the garden – Gen 3:6 – He was flat, passive just standing there.
* Are we passive at home? do we withdraw and check out? Are we the Pastors in our home? Are we leading our homes? (if we aren’t someone else is)? Do we defer to our wives? This is all about passivity?
* Jesus rejected passivity: Phil 2:5-9

**E**xpects GOD’s greater reward than man’s

* Adam invested in the temporary, choosing what would satisfy him in the moment.
* Jesus invested in the eternal. He lived it and He taught it.
* Matt 6:19-20, Matt 6:3

**A**ccepts Responsibility

* Adam failed in 3 specific responsibilities that were given to him by GOD.
1. Jesus accepted responsibility for a **will to obey**: - John 4:34
2. Jesus accepted responsibility for a work to do: - John 17:4. Laziness – 1 Pet 2:12. Christians with no work ethic?
3. Jesus accepted responsibility for a woman to love: Eph 5:25

**L**eads Courageously

* Adam failed to lead in the garden
* Jesus led by providing direction for others. He told His disciples “follow me.” – Matt 4:19
* Jesus led by providing protection for others. John 10:11
* Jesus led by providing for others. 1 Cor 15:45, John 10:10

If we do not follow GOD’s model, we as believers:

1. Choose our own way
2. Try to cover ourselves with good behavior and try to perform their way into GOD’s favor.

Men who choose opposite become childish consumers.

* They become totally obsessed with cheap worldly thrills. Boys who shave
* They become coward ands critics – a quick know it all who is afraid to take action and who is quick to criticize.
* They take pride in what they don’t do.

Men – call to action, and a s an encouragement.

Married men – Obey GOD, love your bride

Single Men – Obey GOD, be pure. Look to be mentored

Married Women – encourage your husbands, don’t beat them up. Pray for them. Power of a praying Wife

Single Women – pray for future spouse, don’t settle