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Ge 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.
Ge 5:2 - Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

- God gave man (the male) the responsibility to work for his provision in the garden. (This mandate gave Adam the role of provider for his family)
- He then gave him the prohibition from eating from a particular tree in the garden.
  (Adam was responsible to impart this information to his wife and to protect her from temptation)
- And then held the man responsible for the disobedience which occurred:
  "Adam, where art thou"

The human race seminally (in seed) is linked to Adam and thus our sin natures have passed on from father to child in every generation stemming from Adam.

In regards to the home, the man was responsible to provide servant leadership for his wife and family. Right from the start of creation, He would function as the "head" of the home for leadership, provision, protection and direction for the family.

While the value of men and women is exactly the same in regards to worth (value) and essence, Men and Women are Biologically, Emotionally, and Physically Different

These Differences are NOT because the Male Gender is superior or the Female Gender, but for the sake of balance and role function. God created these differences so that each sex could balance out the other and work in harmony together.

It seems quite evident that with a specific goal of destroying the family unit in particular and then society at large, Satan and his dark cohorts have spawned a plan which for many decades has eroded Gender Distinctiveness. And the role and responsibility distinctions in the marriage relationship.

We should be content with the gender God made us. "Godliness with contentment is great gain…" We can be content knowing that God formed us while in our mother's womb (Psalm 139) and even what we might view as deformities were designed by God for specific purposes (Ex 4:11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man s mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?). There are some things we cannot change! (Mt 6:27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?).

Many today, perhaps with thoughts and feelings of shame, loneliness, guilt, dissatisfaction, and just plain boredom think that a "sex change" is the answer. Usually, it's men who are tempted to think about such a possibility. Especially when it is pushed as "normal" by many.

My emphasis today, will be toward encouraging the men to be what God created them to be. To be the "best version" of themselves by the power of God's Spirit.

What is real "manhood"? What makes a "real man"?

The Bible presents biblical manhood primarily in terms of character and responsibility, not personality or physical traits. Different men in Scripture had very different temperaments (for example, Moses was quiet and hesitant, while Peter was bold and impulsive), yet both were godly men and had real faith in the LORD. As a matter of fact "Faith" is the foundation for any man of God. Hebrews 11 describes different examples of men to all had faith and because of their faith had particular fruits which flowed out of their faith.

So at the heart of Biblical Manhood is a willingness to take God at His Word. To simply trust His promises. To rely upon Him personally.

Here are several key elements and examples of Biblical manhood:

A Biblical Man of God will:

1. **Work diligently like Noah**
   - Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.
   - Scripture consistently commends hard work and condemns laziness.
   - Whatever his occupation, he works as unto the Lord.

2. **Obey God like Abraham**
   - Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.
   - God commanded him to leave UR of the Chaldees and he obeyed
   - God commanded him to offer his son, Isaac to God and he did
   - God knew that He could trust Abraham to Lead his family spiritually If a man has a family, he encourages prayer, Bible study, and faithful worship.
   - He models godliness instead of merely demanding it from others.
   - By faith, Abraham obeyed

3. **Persevere faithfully like Job**
   - Job was one of three notable righteous men.
     Job's righteousness is compared to that of Noah and Daniel (Ezek. 14:14, 20).
   - Job 1:21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.
   - He remains steadfast through suffering, disappointment, and trials.
   - Faithfulness over a lifetime is valued more than occasional acts of heroism.

4. **Exercise servant leadership like Moses**
   - Hebrews 11:24-25 - By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh s daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;
   - What made Moses such a servant leader was his meekness of spirit (his humble willingness to depend upon God for direction). Numbers 12:3 (Now the man Moses *was* **very meek**, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)
   - Biblical leadership is not domination but sacrificial service.
   - Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loved the church (Ephesians 5:25), giving themselves for their family's good.
   - An honorable man does not engage in strife
     (He stays away from trouble and troublemakers)
     Prov.20:3 - "It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling."

5. **Take responsibility like Joshua**
   - Joshua 24:15-16 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
   - A godly man accepts responsibility rather than shifting blame.
   - He provides for his family, protects those under his care, and fulfills his commitments.

6. **Practice self-control like Joseph**
   - Joseph exemplified such self-control when abused by his brothers
   - When he resisted the suggestions and temptation of Potiphar's wife Genesis 39:9 *There is* none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?
   - When he remained patient in prison
   - When he refused to retaliate toward his brothers ("you meant it to me for evil, but God meant it for good")
   - He controls his temper, speech, desires, and habits.
   - Strength in Scripture includes mastering oneself, not merely physical strength.

7. **Be courageous like David**
   - 1 Samuel 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.
   - Courage to defend and protect his father's flock from the lion and the bear.
   - Courage to take of a 9ft 9inch tall giant named Goliath
   - Courage means standing for truth even when it is costly.
   - 1 Corinthians 16:13 - Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

8. **Be faithful and trustworthy like Daniel**
   - Daniel 6:4 Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.
   - His word can be trusted. He is dependable
   - He is honest in business, relationships, and private life.
   - It includes defending the weak, resisting temptation, and remaining faithful under pressure.
   - By faith Daniel could be counted upon to be faithful

9. **Be humble like John the Baptist**
   - John the Baptist demonstrated remarkable humility despite his popularity.
   - He said: "He must increase, but I must decrease." — John 3:30
   - He recognizes that every good gift comes from God.
   - He is teachable, willing to admit mistakes, and eager to learn.
   - An honorable man is humble in his view of himself
     "Before honor is humility" (Prov. 15:33)

10. Pursue holiness like Paul

- Acts 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and *toward* men.
- He strives to live a morally pure life in thought and action.
- He quickly repents when he sins.

11. Love others sacrificially like Timothy

- Philippians 2:20 – "For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state."
- He treats others with kindness, patience, and forgiveness.
- He seeks the good of others before his own comfort.
  An honorable man gives graciously to others
  Psalm 112:9 - "He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn (strength) shall be exalted with honour"

12. Love God above all else like the Apostle John

- 1 John 4:19 = We love him, because he first loved us.
- John wrote more on the subject of "love" than any other Scripture writer. (see his Gospel and Epistles)
- Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- A biblical man seeks God's will before his own because he loves the Lord.
- An honorable man loves the Lord
  Psalm 91:14-15 - "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I … honour him"

A concise biblical summary

A biblical man is one who:

- Loves God wholeheartedly.
- Leads by serving.
- Takes responsibility.
- Lives with integrity and self-control.
- Protects and provides for those entrusted to him.
- Demonstrates courage, humility, and sacrificial love.
- Seeks to become more like Christ every day.

Ultimately, the Bible presents Jesus as the perfect model of manhood. Though He possessed all authority, He used His strength to serve, protect, teach, sacrifice Himself for others, and perfectly obey His Father. Christian manhood is therefore measured not by power, status, or worldly success, but by growing into the character of Christ.