

So much here.

— The War on Men, Owen Strachan

— Manhood: The Masculine Virtues America Needs, Josh Hawley

— In society today, what does manhood mean? (good, bad)

— What words are used to describe manhood in society today?

(at the least — a social construct, in reality — toxic, blame, dangerous,

oppressive, hateful patriarchy)

“John Stoltenberg, “Why Talking about ‘Healthy Masculinity’ Is Like Talking about ‘Healthy Cancer,’” Feminist Current” (Excerpt from Josh Hawley’s book on Manhood)

— What effect has this had on the men and boys in our society?

(Think, rhetorical) As repentant sinners and people who believe in the inerrancy and sufficiency of scripture,

1 Corinthians 16:13 - act like men!

how do we answer this question...

What is Manhood? Can you explain it? Can you show someone what God says about it?

I don't know what to do.

I'm not sure who I am, or what I am supposed to be?

What should I do with my life?

Why can't I get myself together?

Let's go to the Author of Creation, and see what He says.

Genesis 1: 26-31

v.26,28: in Our Image, dominion - KINGLY LANGUAGE

v.27 - husband

v.28 - father

Genesis 2:15

2:15 - builder - work before the fall

Genesis 3

pain in work, failure to live up to the Imago Dei. The Last Adam had to come to Earth to do it for us, ——> Eph. 5.

Ephesians 5:22-29

5:25, 26 - priest

v.29 builder language returns

Ephesians 6:4

v.4 - father

Prov. 15:1 A **gentle answer** turns away wrath,
But a harsh word stirs up anger.

- father/king - discipline

- builder - instruction

Colossians 3:19, 21

v. 19 - husband shows up again

- bitter against your wife

v.21 - exasperate your children, not lose heart

This is a small snapshot of biblical manhood. One area I didn't have time to delve into is the warrior that God has called men to be.

Courageous, defending the weak, caring for the hurting. There is more here we can talk about outside of SS.

women - older and younger - this is the godly pattern for men. You will here the world telling you this is bad. The truth is, a man who is being obedient to God's calling of manhood, will honor you, protect you,

defend you, care for you, and love you better than anything the world can offer.

Young men - unmarried - This is God's calling for you. Hopefully, you have heard this already and see it as the best guide you can have to being a man, God's man. If this is the first time hearing this, take courage!

Now you know God's calling for you, and it is a great and sacrificial calling. Find an older man, your dad, an older guy here at Grace to walk through this with you, to help you flesh this out in real life. You will need courage, trust, faith, hope because the world will oppose you. It's time to be a man!

Married men - Maybe you are like me and figuring this out for the first time. Sorrow for a father who did not walk in the faithfulness of Godly manhood is understandable, but don't live in sorrow when you have a heavenly Father ready to walk this with you. He has given you what you need in his word to become the man He wants you to be, for His glory. If this has been your life, Praise God! Don't sit on your hands, grab a young unmarried, or a new dad who hasn't had this, and walk through it with them! They need you! Act like men!

