

A Biblical Worldview

Gender, Singleness, Marriage and Family

Week 2: Biblical Manhood – Titus 2:1-2

Introduction

As we begin an examination of Biblical Manhood, we have to remind ourselves why God has specifically and purposefully designed us male and female. Genesis 1:26-28, 31

From the beginning God designed us male and female. He specifically designed us to work together to be fruitful and multiply. God concludes the day by calling it VERY GOOD. God was well pleased to have created us male and female. We get a further explanation about how a male and female complement one another in Genesis 2:18.

The only suitable helpmate for man is a woman. Even Adam recognizes this truth in verse 23. Genesis 2:23-24.

From the very beginning of human history God intended there to be two distinct genders; male and female. He purposely designed them to complement one another. Once sin entered the world, humans began questioning God's design. But Psalm 139:13-17 reminds us that God didn't make a mistake in creating us either male or female.

You may be tempted to question your identity or why you feel the way you feel. Temptations of all kinds will continuously bombard us throughout our lives. That's why we must cling to truth, and God's Word is truth. John 17:17.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13. When we are tempted to question God's design for our sexual identity...we cling to the truth found in Scripture. Temptations...have no power over us. We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

With that in mind...we are going to turn to Titus 2 and examine some characteristics of a Biblical Man. Of course, we could spend weeks going through the various characteristics that should define a man of God. From courage, to strength, to kindness, to provider, to spiritual leader, to compassionate, to patient. But for our time today we are going to focus on 3 characteristics and 3 attributes.

Characteristics of a Biblical Man according to Titus 2:1-2

Titus 2:1-2 (NASB95): *But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. ²Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.*

Who we are directly impacts how we respond to life's unforeseen circumstances. The first three characteristics (temperate, dignified, sensible) describe who the older men should be. The second three attributes (sound in faith, in love, in perseverance) are a result of one being temperate, dignified and sensible.

3 Characteristics

Temperate (self-control)

Temperate is a Cherished Characteristic: Proverbs 25:28, 2 Timothy 1:7, Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 4:27

Pitfalls to being Self-Control: Anger & Sexual Immorality: Proverbs 16:32, James 1:19, Proverbs 12:16, Proverbs 29:11, 1 Corinthians 7:1-5, Matthew 5:27-28

Leading the Church toward Self-Control: 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

Dignified (Honorable)

Dignified is a Cherish Characteristic: Proverbs 3:35, Proverbs 29:23, Proverbs 22:4, Proverbs 26:8, Ephesians 4:29

Pitfalls to being Dignified: Ignoring Sanctification: 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7, Ephesians 5:3-4, John 17:17

Leading the Church toward Honor: Proverbs 12:22, Psalm 119:163, Proverbs 13:5, John 8:44, Colossians 3:9-10

Sensible (Spiritual Common Sense)

Sensible is a Cherished Characteristic: Romans 12:1-3, Proverbs 12:15, 1 Timothy 6:3-5, 2 Timothy 1:13

Pitfalls to being Sensible: Ungodliness & Worldly Desires: Titus 2:11-12, Romans 1:22-23

Leading the Church to being Sensible: Psalm 119:1-2

Attributes

Sound: refers to somethings as it should be: whole, healthy, proper.

Sound in Faith

Faith begins with God's Word: Romans 10:17, 1 Peter 2:2-3

Faith grows with Sound Knowledge of Christ: 2 Peter 3:18, Colossians 1:9-10, Colossians 2:6-7, 2 Peter 1:5-8, Ephesians 4:13-16

Sound in Love

Love is Commanded: Matthew 22:36-40, 1 John 4:7, 19

What is Love: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love Reveals: John 13:35, John 14:15

Sound in Perseverance

Learn to be Content: Philippians 4:11-13, Proverbs 30:7-9

Fight to NOT Grow Weary: Hebrews 12:1-3, James 1:12, Galatians 6:9, 2 Thessalonians 3:13

Discussion Questions:

- ❖ Why should we embrace God's gender classifications of male and female?
- ❖ Why should we memorize Psalm 139:13-17?
- ❖ Why should a believer work at being self-controlled?
- ❖ Why should a believer work at being honorable?
- ❖ Why should a believer work at practicing spiritual common sense?
- ❖ What role does God's Word play in growing your faith?
- ❖ How can we be sound in love?
- ❖ Are you truly content?