

## **Biblical Masculinity Genesis 1:26-28**

*God made men in his image, and He gave man a specific design, to do His specific will.*

*"There is a way to live that glorifies God and is good for you – and they are the same."*

**Definition:** *"Masculinity is the glad assumption of the sacrificial responsibilities that God assigned to men."*  
— Doug Wilson

*"The most critical need of the church at this moment is men, bold men, free men. The church must seek, in prayer and much humility, the coming again of men made of the stuff of which prophets and martyrs are made." — A.W. Tozer*

The **Blueprint:** God made mankind in his own image. It's a unique and specific design. Man reflects God's holy and perfect attributes.

- We are distinct – unique in all of creation.
- Sin disfigures and distorts, but doesn't remove God's image from men.

### **God's specific will for men #1: God made men to RULE**

- a) God rules the Universe, from top to bottom. Psalm 103:19 (men are delegated rulers)

*"You can't smash the patriarchy any more than you could smash gravity."<sup>1</sup>*

- b) Men's first duty is to rule, lead, control, himself.
- c) Headship is the biblical idea of how a man represents his family, his children and his descendants. Romans 5:12 " Heb 7:8-10:
- d) Lordship is man's destiny. Genesis 1:28, Psalm 115:16
- e) Lordship *is* serving.
- f) Men make disciples of all nations.

### **God's specific will for men #2: God made men to WORK**

- **The command to subdue the earth has not been rescinded.** Purposeful work is part of God's original blueprint.

### **God's specific will for men #3: God made men to LOVE**

- a) Man is to love sacrificially as per Christ's example. Love reflects, or *images* God, who **Is Love**. 1 John 4:16
- b) SHEMA = *"Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! **You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.*** (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)
- c) Next, Man is to love his wife as Christ loves the church.

### **God's specific will for men #4: God made men to FIGHT** (Titus 2:13-14, Psalm 119:139)

- a) Man is to fight for good.
- b) 1 Cor. 16:13: *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, **act like men, be strong.**"*

## **Application**

- 1. Don't stray from your post** - draw closer to Christ.
- 2. Avoid Compromise.** Stay out of the enemy's camp.
- 3. Follow your orders.** We Build. Take ground. Keep moving forward, *fail forward fast.*
  - Luke 16:10, 1Thes 5:11, Rom 15:2

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Foster