



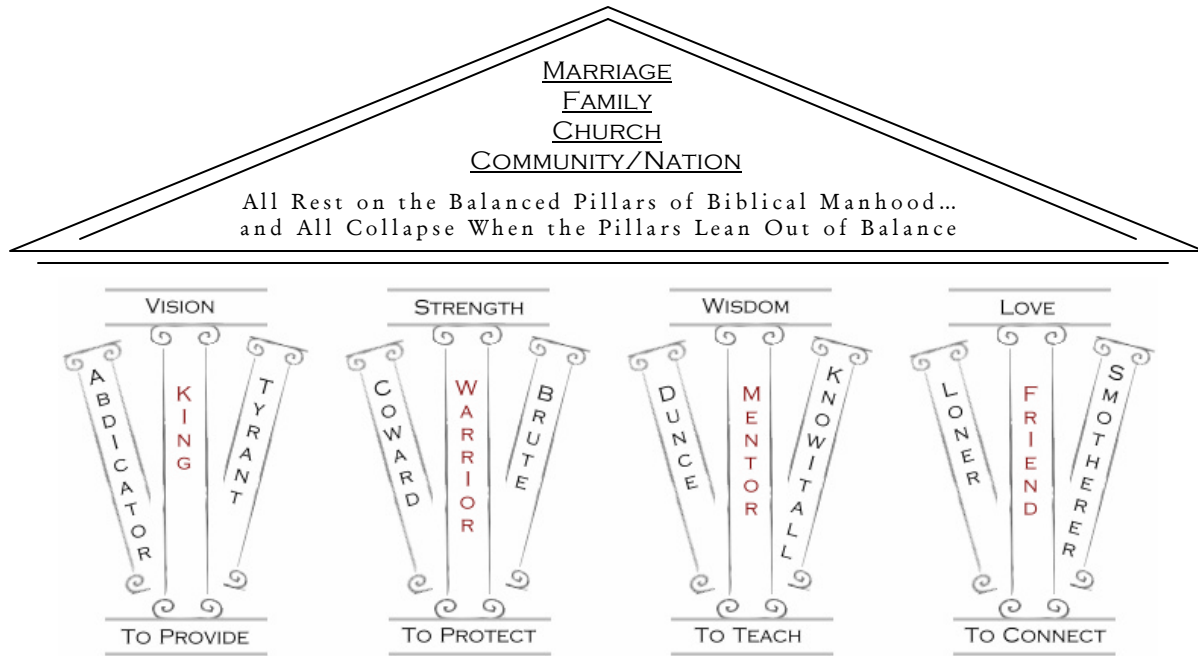
A REAL MAN

The Search for God's Definition of Manhood



Introduce the idea of balanced biblical manhood—God's design for a man...mention the four categories, and how balance is necessary. Without such balance our manhood can become problematic to our families and communities.

A MAN IN BALANCE



Diagram—Stu Weber *Four Pillars of a Man's Heart* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1997) 63.

So Be Strong, show yourself a man...observe what the Lord your God requires...that you may prosper in all you do

1 KINGS 2:2,3

In the next few weeks we will be discussing the concepts of King, Warrior, Mentor, and Friend—the four pillars of a man's heart. Today we turn our attention to the concept to the man as a King.

THOUGHTS ON AUTHORITY

Leadership really is the power to evoke the best and right responses from others

Authority is a rule in the Universe, it begins with God himself, it was given to people to “rule or have dominion” over all of creation (Genesis 1:26, this means to cultivate and care for the created world),

Agree? Disagree? Why? Let them talk...but stand firm. Ask questions...”If there is a crisis at work, on a team, at a University, etc—who do they call? There is authority in God, among nations, in companies, in churches, in homes—yes, even in marriage.



WHAT KIND OF KING?

What do you think of when you hear the word King?

A male ruler, a sovereign over a certain territory or realm

Read Matthew 20:25-28

What kind of King does Jesus tell us we ought to be?

A servant king...one who lays down his own life for his people. He puts their needs above his

ITS NOT BOSSING
 IT IS SERVING

IT IS NOT DEMANDING
 IT IS CARING

SERVANT KINGS

IT IS NOT STRUTTING
 IT IS STOOPING TO HELP

IT IS NOT LEISURE
 IT IS LABOR

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Jesus modeled this concept for us—Read Philippians 2:1-11

A VISION FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP...

Where has God called men to be Servant Kings?

In our families, communities, churches, and nations.

Servant Leadership in our families

Read Ephesians 5:22-29 and Colossians 3:18-21

Note: We will talk in-depth about the roles of a man as husband and father in a later study.





A KING HAS VISION FOR THE FUTURE

What kind of things should a king in his home or realm of influence think about for the future? Answer this way...what questions does a good king need to ask about the future?

- Where are we heading?—> Basic Direction for the Family, he must be able to point the way that life needs to go—to do this we need to know God’s intentions for life.
- How will I provide for a family when I get married?
- How will I serve my wife and meet her emotional needs in the different phases of life?
- How can I raise children so they will be “responsibly independent” of their parents and at the same time “humbly dependent” on their heavenly Father?
- How can I best serve the needs of my church family so it will not become stagnant?
- What can I do for my friends to help them understand the gospel of Jesus Christ?
- What do my children need to know from me before they enter elementary school, middle school, high school, college or career?
- How can I help our team have focus, love, and unity in purpose?

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Remember the Servant King, serves, cares for, and helps those under his leadership...Leadership really is the power to evoke the **best** and **right** responses from others.

No need to feel overwhelmed, but it is good to stop and ask some questions to evaluate where you are today and the direction you need head.

- Am I currently practicing a sexual lifestyle that is not pleasing to God and could affect my future marriage?
- Are there any tendencies in my past that (if I am not careful) could eventually affect my relationship with my wife and children?
- Do I have a group of guys who are true friends, who care about my well being, spiritually, emotionally, and physically?
- If keep on my present track of spiritual growth with the Lord, will I be where I need to be to lead a family in three years? Five years? Ten years?
- What does it take to help a women (a future wife) grow in true inner beauty?
- What could lead to my wife falling for another man?
- What influences are children being exposed to at school and in the neighborhood that might change their way of thinking in an unhealthy way?
- What if a woman, other than my wife, starts to make passes at me?
- What if something fatal happens to my wife, or one of my kids; how will I deal with that? How will those I lead need me in such a time?

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Read 2 Corinthians 12:9,10 —none is perfect, but we do need to be focused and going after God’s calling for us to be a servant king —there is much love on this journey.

A KING PROVIDES IN THE PRESENT

MERCY

Forgiving grace must be extended to all that we lead.

HONOR

Honor those who you lead
Read Ephesians 4:29

HIMSELF

No servant king **ever** abandons his flock

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WARNING: KINGS OUT OF BALANCE

Read Philippians 3:12-14

PASSIVE

ABDICATOR

- 1 : to cast off :
DISCARD
- 2 : to relinquish (as
sovereign power)
formally
- intransitive senses* :
to renounce a
throne, high office,
dignity, or function

...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Matthew 20:28**



Explain diagram—a king out of balance in either direction makes the house begin to fall.

Read Proverbs 28:15,16

OPPRESSIVE

TYRANT

- 1 a : an absolute ruler unrestrained by law or constitution b : a usurper of sovereignty
- 2 a : a ruler who exercises absolute power oppressively or brutally b : one resembling an oppressive ruler in

...Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.. **Matthew 20:26**

How have you seen a man make either of these two errors?

Abusive men—physical, emotional, sexual —Do nothing husbands and fathers—which will not work or provide

Which of these do you feel men fall into more often?

Make sure that they do not overlook the dangers of passive manhood...

ASSIGNMENT OF THE WEEK

Read and Memorize 2 Samuel 23:3-4 NIV

The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over men in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings the grass from the earth.'