



# A REAL MAN

*The Search for God's Definition of Manhood*



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

Review memory verse from King Module and ask for any questions from the previous study

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.'*

## THE WARRIOR IN A MAN'S CHEST

What comes to mind when you hear the word "Warrior"?

Dictionary definition—a man engaged or experienced in warfare; A person engaged in some struggle or conflict.



Do you think men are encouraged to be Warriors today, or to be soft?

Allow them to talk, see if any reluctance about being a Warrior surfaces.

The Warrior is one who shields, defends, stands between, and guards. The Warrior is a protector...A real warrior does not love war. He draws no sadistic pleasure from fighting, or bloodshed, or destruction. A warrior is one who possesses high moral standards, and holds to high principles. He is willing to *live* by them, *stand* for them, *spend himself* in them, and if necessary *die* for them.

Stu Weber *Four Pillars of a Man's Heart* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books, 1997) 115.

Are there any things in this world for which we must take a stand?

Protecting our families, struggle against evil, standing for the Truth...



## THE QUALITIES OF A WARRIOR

### SELF DENIAL FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

*A Warrior knows he must face painful and even perilous situations; He understands what is worth dying for and will do so if necessary.*

*Four Pillars of a Man's Heart 159.*

### FIGHTS AGAINST EVIL

Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

What does it mean that we do not wage war as the world does?

We do not use unjust or evil means to accomplish our goals. We trust God to be our own provider and protector. We are willing to deny our selves and stand against evil

What sorts of evil will the Warrior need to fight against?

Dishonesty, corruption, tyranny, injustice, pornography, child abuse, oppression, and racism are a few examples.

Read Romans 12:17-21

*As individuals, what should be our primary weaponry against the evils in the world?*

Overcome evil with good!!!

### PROTECTOR

*"Whether he is stepping on intruding bugs or checking out sounds that go bump in the night. Whether he's confronting a habitually abusive little league coach or shining a flashlight in a spooky basement. Whether he is shoveling snow or helping women and children into the last life boat on the Titanic. Men stand tallest when they are protecting and defending."*



Stu Weber, *Tender Warrior* (Sisters, OR: Multnomah Books 1993),41

### A WARRIOR AT RISK

A warrior out of balance is a terrible thing; others need to be protected from such men. We need to be vigilant to never let the warrior pillar lean. Let us look now to how a warrior should operate.

*Four Pillars of a Man's Heart 155.*



## HOW A WARRIOR SHOULD OPERATE

### UNDER AUTHORITY

*“A warrior without authority is an oxymoron. No, make that simply a moron. A warrior who is not under authority is not a warrior, he’s a renegade. A pirate. A mercenary. Just another ruffian looking for a fight. The kind of man who abuses his wife, or his children, or other people at a whim.”*

*Four Pillars of a Man’s Heart pg 166*

As Christian men we must take our orders from God’s Word, the Bible.



- Spend time with God (reading the Bible and in prayer) so that we might grow strong in Him. (Psalm 119:9-11, 2 Timothy 3:16,17, Hebrews 4:12, Phil 4:6-8)
- To love our wives at all costs. We do not go AWOL on our wives and families, we stay in and work at marriage. (Ephesians 5:25-28)
- To raise children in such a way that they would know how to listen to God and follow Him. (Ephesians 6:1-4)
- To be involved in serving a local church, using your time, talent, and treasure for God’s work in this world. (1 Corinthians 12, 1 Timothy 3)

### SACRIFICE WILLINGLY

Read Matthew 16:24,25

What kind of lives does Jesus want us to lead?

We need to reject the self-centered, self-serving, and self-obsessed world around us and learn to follow Jesus and look to the needs of others. Quote Philippians 2:3,4 —our friends, teammates, and families will be better off when we live as self-sacrificial warriors for them.

### HE MUST DO AND SAY THE HARD THINGS

Sometimes the truth is hard to hear, but the Warrior in a man needs to speak the truth with wisdom. I am not saying that we should blast everyone for everything, but there is a time to speak with courage and conviction.

What are some times we need to speak the truth in our lives?

- When a friend is messing up their life
- When someone asks us about our faith—we tell them about Jesus Christ
- When someone says—don’t all religions teach the same thing and use different names for God.
- To discipline children.
- To apologize when you have wronged someone (your teammates, parents, and especially your wife and kids).



## WARNING: WARRIORS OUT OF BALANCE



### NO CONVICTION

#### COWARD

One who shows disgraceful fear or timidity.

- Never stands up to anything
- Allows his family to be abused
- Will not speak the truth
- Allows evil to triumph in his



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

### ABUSIVE

#### BRUTE

BRUTAL applies to people, their acts, or their words and suggests a lack of intelligence,

- Loves conflict
- Beats down others
- Looks for a fight
- Picks fights without reason
- He himself becomes a source of evil in his home

### WHAT ABOUT WAR? IS IT WRONG?

If time permits and if the question arises during the study, you may want to go over the different positions Christians take in regards to war. I recommend Norman Geisler's book *Christian Ethics - Options and Issues* as a good resource for your own study on the topic. Chapter 12—War, lays out three positions—**Activism**—It is always right to participate in war, **Pacifism**—It is never right to participate in war, and **Selectivism**—It is right to participate in some wars.

### ASSIGNMENT OF THE WEEK

Read and Memorize 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

<sup>3</sup>For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take