



A REAL MAN

The Search for God's Definition of Manhood



Note: Many of the categories in this study have been developed by Stu Weber in his two excellent books—*Tender Warrior—God's Design for a Man* (c) 1993, 1999 by Stu Weber and *Four Pillars of a Man's Heart* (c) 1997 by Stu Weber, both published by Multnomah Publishers (<http://www.multnomahbooks.com>). Portions of this study will follow the ideas in these two works — Used by permission of Multnomah Publishers, Inc.



IN YOUR WORLD, WHERE DO YOU LEARN ABOUT MANHOOD?

READ 1 KINGS 2:1-3

What does David tell his son in verses one and two?

What additional instructions are given in verse three?

What insight can this give us into manhood?

READ GENESIS 1:27 AND MARK 10:6

God is the one who can give us the definitions for what it means to be a man. He made us to be men, he has a design for manhood, this study will take us on a search to discover, God's design for a man.



THE IMPORTANCE OF A MAN

Why are men important? Is there anything significant about being a man?

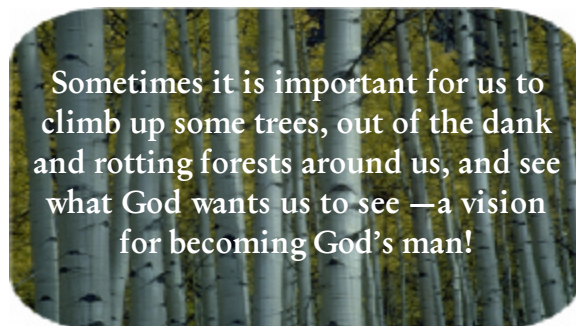
Dr. Tony Evans, pastor of Oak Cliff Bible Church in Dallas, Texas and founder of the Urban Alternative, a ministry dedicated to equipping, empowering and uniting Christians to impact individuals, families, churches and communities, had this to say about the importance of a man:



You take a messed up man and you end up with a messed up family, you take a messed up family and you end up with a messed up church, you take a messed up church and you end up with a messed up neighborhood, you take a messed up neighborhood and you end up with a messed up community, you take a messed up community and you end up with a messed up city, you take a messed up city, and you end up with a messed up state, you take a messed up state and you end up with a messed up nation...all for the fact that men will not be men.

Excerpt from a message delivered at a Promise Keepers men's conference

WHY TALK ABOUT MANHOOD NOW?



Read Ecclesiastes chapter 12 together



OUR ROAD MAP FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD



- The Four Pillars of a Man's Heart —King, Warrior, Mentor, Friend**
- The Character of a Man —Staying power, compassion, leading/following
- Some pitfalls for Men —P.M.S. for men.
- A man's roles/relationships—husband, father, and one of the fellas.