



The Quest for Authentic Manhood – Session 17 “A Biblical Definition of Manhood” Part 2

I. The Four Differences Between Adam and Christ

1. The first Adam fell into passivity; the second Adam rejected passivity.
2. The first Adam disregarded his responsibilities; the second Adam (Jesus) accepted responsibility.
 - A. He accepted responsibility:
 - For a Will to obey. (John 4:34, Psalms 40:8, Matthew 26:39)
 - For a Work to do. (John 17:4)
 - For a Woman to love. (Ephesians 5:25)
 - B. What causes a man to accept social and spiritual responsibility?
 1. When it is clear from a young age that the primary responsibility for the social/ spiritual well being of others –whether it’s a young woman, or a wife, or children rests on him.
 2. When he has been trained and cheered on from an early age by the men in his life to recognize and assume these responsibilities.
 - When he is honored, especially by other men, for accepting these responsibilities.
 3. When he has been spiritually transformed in the heart by Jesus Christ to desire these responsibilities, because you know in the end, they honor God.
3. The first Adam abandoned his post of leadership; the second Adam chose to lead courageously.
 - A. Men were created to lead, but it takes courage, guys.
 - B. Jesus led where Adam didn't:
 - He set direction all through His life.
 - He provided protection to those around Him.
 - He made provisions.
 - C. To be a courageous leader, every man must master one significant obstacle: Feelings.

4. The first Adam sought a greater reward; the second Adam expected a greater reward.

A. Examples of second Adam living:

- Hebrews 12:1, 2 (Jesus)
- Psalm 27:13 (David)
- Hebrews 11:24-26 (Moses)
- 2 Timothy 4:7-8 (Paul)

B. Exhortations to second Adam living:

- 1 Timothy 4:8

III. What is a Real Man From a Biblical Mold?

A real man is one who ...

- Rejects passivity.
- Accepts responsibility.
- Leads courageously.
- Expects the greater reward, God's reward.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

- Go over the Leadership Questionnaire together.

- React to the definition of manhood given today. Is it one you can adopt for your life? Why or why not?

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