



GRACE LEADERSHIP TRAINING  
Class 16: Man of God

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Class Summary: This lesson focuses on biblical manhood and an understanding of God's design and expectations for godly men.

## 1. Introduction / Overview

## 2. Presuppositions / Foundational Truths

1. Man is made in \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 1:27)
2. Man was created as a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 4:23; Rom. 1:21-25)
3. Man was created to \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 2:15)
4. Since the Fall, man is a \_\_\_\_\_ by nature (Rom. 3:12)
5. Man is in need of God's \_\_\_\_\_ grace through Christ (John 3:16; Tit. 3:4-7)
6. Man was not created \_\_\_\_\_ but needing God and others (John 15:5; Gal. 5:14; Heb. 4:16)
7. Man was created \_\_\_\_\_ from woman (Gen. 1:27).
8. Men are \_\_\_\_\_ biological males but get to \_\_\_\_\_ masculine, or become men of God.
9. Biblical masculinity is a matter of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### Bonus Thought

Men Need to ...

- Know who God is
- Know how to relate to God
- Know what a real man is
- Know what he does
- Know how to make wise choices
- How to deal with his failures

*Stepping Up, 81*

"What tells ultimately is, not what is without a man, but what is within."

A. B. Bruce.

### 5 Min. Exercise:

#### Defining a man of God

How would you define a man of God?

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### 3. What is a man?

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## 4. Biblical Manhood: What is a man of God?

### I. Cultural Definitions

### II. Biblical Understanding

#### Some Definitions

"At the heart of mature masculinity is a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to man's differing relationships."

John Piper

"A real man finds his essence and identity in his Creator."

Dennis Rainey.

"A real man rejects passivity, accepts responsibility, leads courageously, and expects God's great reward."

Robert Lewis

"A man of God is one who walks with God in a deepening relationship of submission to the Spirit of God, obedience to the Word of God and a desire to be conformed to Christ's image."

B. King

#### Take It Home:

What can you jot down as a take away from these definitions?

How do you need to guard against letting the culture define biblical masculinity for you?

#### Bonus Thought

"The world offers conflicting views of what being a man is all about. Some say that being a man requires grit, square-jawed determination, a working knowledge of weaponry, and, preferably, rock-solid abs. Others say that manliness is about getting in touch with one's feelings, caring for the less fortunate, and being sensitive. Still others would include leadership skills, a good work ethic, physical stature, riches, or sexual prowess. Can these things truly define masculinity, or is there another standard?"

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## A. An Examination of Two Adams

### The First Adam: Adam (Gen. 1-3)

- Gen. 1:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 2:7-8, 15 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 2:16-17 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 2:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 2:21-25 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 2:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Gen. 3:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_
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### The Second Adam: Christ

Romans 5:15, 17, 18

1 Peter 2:21-22

1 John 2:6

ATTITUDES	ACTIONS Christ	ACTIONS Us	References
Eternal Mindset	Did the will and work of the Father. Not working towards his own success/ desires.	We exist not to work for our own agendas, but for the glory of God.	Jh. 4:34; 5:30; 8:28-29
	Responses to temptation were anchored in God's Word. Not worldly wisdom.	Responses to temptation anchored in the Word of God, not the wisdom of this world/ways.	Matt. 4:1-11; Eph. 5:19;
	Filled with the Spirit	Filled with the Spirit	Lk. 4:1, 14; Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16, 22
	Gave the gospel to others. Not just temporary pleasures or relief.	Give the gospel and God's Word to others, not just bandaids of relief or temporary pleasure.	Mk. 1:14-15; John 3-4
Love/ Understanding	Sought to meet the needs of others. Not uncaring / self-focused.	Work to meet others needs. Live to serve the Lord and others.	Matt. 4:23; Lk. 4:18-21
	Sacrifices self and own desires. Not self-preserving / selfish.	Live a life of unselfishness. Death to self, alive to Christ in tangible love of others.	Lk. 22:42; Phil. 2:6-8
	Was gentle whenever possible. Not harsh / demanding.	Be gentle with others, not an authoritarian or power-hungry.	Mt. 11:29; John 21:15-19
Zeal / Courage / Confidence (because of God and His promises)	Led the disciples and others. Not a follower when he shouldn't be	Not passive in our leadership roles but provide loving, servant leadership.	Lk. 9:6; John 6:2
	Showed initiative when He should have. Not waiting for someone else.	Show initiative when we should and not be passive waiting for someone else.	Mk. 6:34-44; Lk. 6:12-16
	Confronted when necessary. Not a compromiser / man-pleaser.	Lovingly confront when necessary; don't compromise truth or seek to please men.	Matt. 23:1-36; Mk. 11:15-18
	Was decisive according to God's revealed will. Not wishy-washy or afraid.	Stand firmly upon the truth of God's Word and proclaim, teach, and implement it with conviction.	Matt. 4:1-11; Mk. 8:31-38; 1 Thess. 15:58
Conscientious ness	Fulfilled responsibilities Not irresponsible	Fulfill our God-given responsibilities (personal, family, work, ministry)	John 17:4; 19:30
	Was diligent Not lazy or a quitter	Be diligent. Don't be lazy or give up.	John 5:17; Heb. 12:2-3
Humility	Served and listened to others in His leadership Not proudly lording it over others	Live a life of humility in submission to the Lord; consider others as more important than yourself.	John 13:12-17; John 6:5-10; Jms 4:6-8; Phil. 2:3-9
	Glorified another (the Father) Not greedy for attention or recognition.	Live to please the Lord and for His glory, not our own.	John 8:50, 54; John 17:1, 4; Col. 1:16; 1 Cor. 10:31

Chart adapted from Stuart Scott, Biblical Manhood.

## 5. Characteristics of A Man of God: Lessons from 1 Timothy

1. A Man of God is \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ to the glory of God - 1 Timothy 1:2, 15-17.
2. A Man of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in developing his Christian faith - 1 Tim. 1:18-20
3. A Man of God is a man of \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Tim. 2:1-8
4. A Man of God strives for godly \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Tim. 3:1-7
5. A Man of God is \_\_\_\_\_ by God's Word and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Truth - 1 Tim. 4:6
6. A man of God \_\_\_\_\_ himself for the \_\_\_\_\_ of godliness - 1 Tim. 4:7-8
7. A man of God fixes his \_\_\_\_\_ on the living God - 1 Tim. 4:10
8. A man of God sets an \_\_\_\_\_ for believers through mature christian character and conduct - 1 Tim. 4:12
9. A man of God is \_\_\_\_\_ to serving in the local church - 1 Tim. 4:11, 13-14
10. A man of God gives \_\_\_\_\_ and focused \_\_\_\_\_ to growing in the Lord - 1 Tim. 4:15-16
11. A man of God \_\_\_\_\_ maturely with other believers - 1 Tim. 5:1-2
12. A man of God \_\_\_\_\_ sin and works to be free from it - 1 Tim. 5:20, 22
13. A man of God is not \_\_\_\_\_ in meaningless controversies - 1 Tim. 6:3-4
14. A man of God upholds and applies himself to sound \_\_\_\_\_ allowing it to \_\_\_\_\_ his life - 1 Tim. 6:3
15. A man of God finds \_\_\_\_\_ in God, and not in material wealth or possessions - 1 Tim. 6:6-11
16. A man of God pursues a deepening walk of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ - 1 Tim. 6:11-12
17. A man of God is \_\_\_\_\_ until Christ's return - 1 Tim. 6:14-16
18. A man of God keeps his \_\_\_\_\_ in God and is rich in good \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ towards others - 1 Tim. 6:17-19

### Take It Home:

How are you doing in your walk as a man of God? What one thing can you focus your mind and efforts on?

### Bonus Thought

"Man of God" is the description given to a man that follows God in every way, who obeys His commands with joy, who does not live for the things of this life but for the things of eternity, who willingly serves his God in giving freely of all his resources yet gladly suffers as a consequence of his faith."  
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## **6. Courage: A Fundamental Essential**

1 Corinthians 16:13

### **Courage to Initiate**

### **Courage to Protect**

1. Establish boundaries to protect my marriage.
2. Attempt to protect my children by training them in the choices they would make.
3. Attempt to protect my daughter(s) by dating them and, later, by interviewing their dates.
4. Protect your family by working with spouse to set up boundaries regarding media.

"When men don't step up, the cost of doing nothing means that indecency, immorality, and other aberrant behaviors become the norm in the culture" (Stepping Up, 117).

### **Courage to Resist Temptation & Pursue Purity**

James 1:12–15 — Genesis 39:7–9 — 2 Timothy 2:22

#### **Sexual Sin**

Pornography, and other sexual sins, are ruling and ruining lives. It is a pervasive cancer in our world and in our church. Most men struggle with lust, the core sin behind these sexual sins. There is freedom and hope to be found in Christ for those who in sexual sin. I recommend these two resources. I would personally love to talk with you and walk with you into freedom and holiness as well.

Pure Desire Ministries — Covenant Eyes

## Courage to believe God in the midst of challenges

"I spent a long time trying to come to grips with my doubts, when suddenly I realized that I had better come to grips with what I believe. I have since moved from the agony of questions that I cannot answer to the reality of answer that I cannot escape... and it's a great relief."

Tom Skinner, Stepping Up, 129.

## Courage to Grow

### 7. What does a man do?

#### Follows God's Design in the Big Picture (Gen. 1:27-29)

Subjugation of the earth

Dominion over the earth

Possession of the earth

#### Follows God's Design in the Specifics

Obeys the Lord

Sets Things in Order for God's Glory

Loves

Leads

Protects

Provides

Works

#### Bonus Thought

"The man of God does not swindle or defraud his employer by turning up late for work or spending an hour on the internet during work hours; he doesn't gossip or slander; he keeps his mind and heart pure by guarding his eyes and ears from the filth of the world; he is the spiritual leader of his family. He does everything opposite to what the world does or approves of; he goes "against the grain" of society because he knows these things displease God; he considers those who are "disadvantaged" or those rejected by society, those who are lonely or despairing; he is a listener to other people's problems and does not judge."

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## 8. How Does a Man Mature?

### By consistently living a spirit-yielded life of obedience to God

"A man of God is one who walks with God in a deepening relationship of submission to the Spirit of God, obedience to the Word of God and a desire to be conformed to Christ's image."

### By Disciplining and Developing His Mind

**"The strength to  
every man is in his  
mind."**

Dr. Nicholas Ellen

"The womb of our life motions is found in our thinking. A man's pattern of thinking gives birth either to passive living or aggressive living."

Mark Chanski. Manly Dominion.

### Take It Home:

How does a man grow and mature to be like Christ? What must we do in this process? What does it look like in your life? What's the next step?

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## 9. Enemies of Godly Manhood

- Pride \_\_\_\_\_
- Anger \_\_\_\_\_
- Envy \_\_\_\_\_



- Slothfulness \_\_\_\_\_
- Lust \_\_\_\_\_
- Gluttony \_\_\_\_\_
- Greed \_\_\_\_\_
- Fear \_\_\_\_\_

"The greatest barrier to success is the fear of failure."  
Sven Goran Eriksson

"There is no disgrace in failure, only in a failure to try."  
Theodore Roosevelt

### **Group Discussion:**

Your co-worker gets into a discussion with you about being a man. All the typical elements of cultural masculinity come up. Then he looks at you and says, how would you define a real man? How would you answer this?

### **Take It Home:**

Take time to reflect. What difference has this lesson made? What have you been reminded about? What have you learned? What will you do with this?

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