

Title: Authentic Biblical Manhood

Passage: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Summary:

I. Calling

II. Conviction

III. Character

IV. Courage

V. Compassion

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Key Truths:

- Right behavior is rooted in right beliefs. Our actions must be rooted in right doctrine
- Keep on being alert. Continue to stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong, and be loving.
- These are always done in context of community. Never alone. Join with others (if haven't done already).

A father's calling:

- Be soldiers in the fight.
- Be a shepherd (lead, provide, protect).
- Be a servant.
- Be an intercessor.

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What point(s) in the sermon did the Lord most impress upon you?
- Where you are most vulnerable or where you are most prone to sin?
- Where are you still behaving immaturely? What do you need to put down or put off that is not adding to your maturity?
- James 1:22 admonishes us to be "doers of the Word." What next steps will you take in response to the truths you have been exposed to?

Introduction

Since the Fall, we've been in a battle between God's good and glorious design and Satan's attack against that design.

- Satan wants us to be deceived to be confused as to gender or give into lust.

1 John 4:4

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

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Preliminary Points

1. Jesus: He is the perfect man. He modeled perfect manhood.

- When hear each of the commands, look to Jesus.
 - This is being Christ-like, which applies to all of us (man and woman)

2. Each of these command are in the plural

- Therefore, they must be done in community.
 - Not to do in isolation by yourself.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

3. All the verbs are in the present-imperative

- Keep on doing these things. They are not a one-time action.
 - Keep on being alert. Continue to stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong, and be loving.

4. Context is encouragement.

- Not a criticism but admonishment
 - Admonish: to counsel or encourage out of love.

1 Corinthians 4:14

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

5. There is always hope regardless of who you are and where you are.

- It's never too late to become the person that God wants you to be.

Luke 15:20

And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

I. CALLING

Be on the alert.

- Other translations: Be on your guard. Be watchful. Stay alert.
 - Paraphrase: keep your eyes open for spiritual danger.
- Contrast: spiritual indifference or apathy

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

- Be watchful for the dangers that come against yourself, your wife, and your children.

What is your calling?

- Be soldiers in the fight.
- Be a shepherd (lead, provide, protect)
- Be a servant.

Matthew 20:26-28

It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

- Be an intercessor
 - Greatest thing you can do is to faithfully pray for others.
 - It is one of the weapons of spiritual warfare to tear down strongholds.

Ephesians 6:18

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

1 Thessalonians 5:17

pray without ceasing,

What is a struggle for you?

- you are most vulnerable where you are most unaware.
- Could it be:
 - Pride?
 - Possessions?
 - Pleasure?
 - Fear of people?
- If you are not on the alert, Satan will find a way to come at you when you least expect it.

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.

II. CONVICTION

Stand firm in the faith.

The faith

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

- The faith = the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - You must know and be grounded in sound doctrine.

Stand firm

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

- Grow in your understanding of God's Word.
- Be well-rooted in the Word of God.

John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

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III. CHARACTER

Act like men.

- Greek: words are a single command
 - In other words: "man up"
- Culmination of commands:
 - Wake up. Stand up. Grow up
- Contrast: boy = focused on selfish needs.

1 Corinthians 3:1

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

- Culture: many males have suspended maturity and are merely tall boys.
- Manhood = growing to be Christ-like.

1 Corinthians 13:11

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

Character = Maturity

Where are you still acting like a mature person?

Where are you still immature?

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

IV. COURAGE

Be strong.

- Strength and courage are related to one another.
- Be spiritually strong. Be spiritually courageous
 - Meaning = be strengthened through Christ.

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

2 Timothy 2:1

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Ephesians 3:14-16

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

- good intentions does not lead to obedience.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him. You have done foolishly in this, for from now on you will have wars.”

- Are you fully committed to Christ?

- If you are, God sees you
 - In your struggle, temptations, condition

Psalms 27:14

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

V. COMPASSION

Let all that you do be done in love.

- The love of Christ is the foundation.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Luke 9:23-24

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.