



Concerning Statistics for Men
(Of Boys & Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Richard Reeves)

- Mortality from drug overdoses, suicides, and alcohol-related illnesses...are almost 3x higher among men than women.
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- Among men with only a high-school education, 1 in 3 is out of the labor force. For those who have a job, typical earnings are \$881 a week, down from \$1071 in 1979.

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- In the US...the 2020 decline in college enrollment was 7 times greater for male than for female students.
- "Among psychologists under the age of 30, only 5% are male. That's a profession was actually slightly male in the 1980s. Go back to 1980, and 40% of elementary and middle school teachers were male. Now it's down to one in 10 in elementary schools.

Presuppositions

- Man is defined as an adult biological male
- Marriage is between one biological male and one biological female.
- Biblical view that God gives men the unique office of headship within the family and ecclesial (church) organizational structure.
- This is not an attack on any particular group or demographic.

Presuppositions

- Masculine concepts in theory will be discussed without advocacy of how it shows up in the real world. There is more than one way a masculinity shows up in the world.
- This is a candid conversation for men from a biblical worldview. Communication will strive to be mature, respectful, clinical, and academic, not gratuitous.
- Teaching biblical principles not socio-political dogma.

BIBLICAL PATRIARCHY

- (Pastor's Definition) A family structure where God imposes upon men, specifically husband and fathers, the **non-negotiable responsibility** to provide, nurture, protect, and teach his family God's life-giving principles and Way.
- Male headship was established by God after the fall of mankind (**Gen. 3:16, Eph. 5:23, 1 Tim. 2:13-14**)

BIBLICAL PATRIARCHY

- Male headship is part of a list of punishments. It is a burden/weight, not a privilege/right (Gen. 3:14-20).
- Fulfillment of this obligation is obtained through temporal **accountability** to his *fraternity* (brotherhood) and divine accountability to God.
- God will judge men's faithfulness to our task on the day of judgment.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR MEN

- Priest (Gen. 1:26, 1 Timothy 3) — Men possessed by God, who reflect and project the image of God which is found in Jesus (Col. 1:15).
- Prophet (Gen 2:17, 19) — He creates orders/names animals, speaks God's truth, and upholds God's standards (trees in garden).
- King — Rules over creation and stewards well all of creation. Enforce God's decrees (Gen. 1:28-30).

WHAT MANHOOD IS NOT?

- Worldly definition of a High Value Man
- How much money you make
- Sexual prowess / High number of sexual partners
- Titles, certifications, or education/degrees
- Size of your social media platform
- How well you hunt or number of guns owned
- Network
- Living in your mom's basement playing video games and watching pornography.

CHARACTER
Biblical Definition of Manhood

¹Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever (1) **aspires** to be an overseer (God's appointed leader) **desires** a noble task.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

²Now the overseer (God's appointed leader) is to be (2) above reproach,

(3) *husband of one wife (or one-woman man)* [NASB]

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

Challenges for Men Desiring Marriages

Most U.S. modern women are not nurtured to be biblical wives.

- Greater demands for lesser Return on Investment / Current culture may make the juice not worth the squeeze
- Red Pill, MGTOW, and other hyper-masculine, reactionary philosophies are poisoning the biblical understanding of manhood and relationships.

Challenges for Men Desiring Marriages

Without a biblical mandate and framework, there is little to no incentive legally, financially, and mentally, to get married in the current culture.

- Confidence and competence are still #1 factors that gain entry to dating/marriage; character traits that that diminish with each generation of men.
- Purity culture failed; Christian dating culture is compromised; Sex is a trope.

SCRIPTURE

It is better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

- Proverbs 25:24

QUIZ

According to a RAND study entitled, "Health, Marriage, and Longer Life for Men," which group of men live the longest?

- A. Married men**
- B. Never married men
- C. Divorced men
- D. Widowed men

SCRIPTURE

Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

- 1 Corinthians 7:2 (NKJV)

Biblical Support for Men being Married

Unless called by God to a life of singleness and celibacy, every Christian man should be married or intentionally and deliberately pursuing marriage.

It is not good for the man to be alone. (Genesis 2:18)

He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. (Prov. 18:22)

SCRIPTURE

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

- Ephesians 5:25-33

SCRIPTURE

29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— **30** for we are members of his body. **31** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

- Ephesians 5:25-33

QUIZ

Of the 400 men surveyed for Feldhahn’s book, For Women Only, if forced to choose out of two negative experiences, (1) alone and unloved in the world OR (2) to feel inadequate and disrespected by everyone, which percentages represent the men’s choices?

A. 15% alone/unloved, 85% inadequate/disrespected
 B. 41% alone/unloved, 59% inadequate/disrespected
 C. 54% alone/unloved, 46% inadequate/disrespected
 D. 74% alone/unloved, 26% inadequate/disrespected

According to Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn's 2003 National Study of Men, when faced when the choice between feeling either alone and unloved or inadequate and disrespected, 74 percent of men chose alone and unloved. This means that by a margin of 3 to 1, American men would rather know that people respect them than love them.

- For Women Only, Shanti Feldhahn

...**(3)** temperate, **(4)** self-controlled, **(5)** respectable, **(6)** hospitable,
(7) able to teach (Deut. 6:6-7)

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

SCRIPTURE

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.”

- Deuteronomy 6:6-7

(8) ³not given to drunkenness, (9) not violent but gentle, (10) not quarrelsome, (11) not a lover of money.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

(13) ⁶He must not be a recent convert (competent) or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

(14) ⁷He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

(12) ⁴He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

1 Timothy 3:1-7 (NIV)

SCRIPTURE

23 Moreover, in those days I saw men of Judah who had married women from Ashdod, Ammon and Moab. 24 Half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod or the language of one of the other peoples, and did not know how to speak the language of Judah. 25 I rebuked them and called curses down on them. I beat some of the men and pulled out their hair. I made them take an oath in God's name and said: "You are not to give your daughters in marriage to their sons,

- Nehemiah 13:23-27

SCRIPTURE

...nor are you to take their daughters in marriage for your sons or for yourselves. 26 Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women. 27 Must we hear now that you too are doing all this terrible wickedness and are being unfaithful to our God by marrying foreign women?"

- Nehemiah 13:23-27

Videos:

- Videos from the sermon were excerpts from these two full videos.
- Fatherless Crisis in America:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Shovw0ryk6A>
- Fatherless Child Statistics:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6lVvO-aoOU>

How do we engage the world as Square Pegs promoting Biblical Men & Manhood?

- **Accept God's image of masculinity found in Jesus.**
- **Confidence in God's Word for our masculine formation.**
- **Teach God's Word to another generation the Biblical understanding of manhood.**
- **Seek out Spiritual and professional resources to maintain your integrity.**
- **Live in relationship and accountability with other godly men.**

To every man, You Matter!

ENCOURAGING VERSES FOR MEN

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.
(1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV)

Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:30-31, NIV)

ENCOURAGING VERSES FOR MEN

But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:13b-14, NKJV)
