

Happy Father's Day By Randy Henson

Manly Men

We need men to stand up and be men in these times

Ezekiel 22:30

I looked for someone who might rebuild the wall of righteousness that guards the land. I searched for someone to stand in the gap in the wall so I wouldn't have to destroy the land, but I found no one.

Let's get a definition of Biblical Manliness

Jesus

Many of us have an inaccurate view of Jesus

I think we tend to see Him as Christmas Jesus

He stayed as sweet soft skinned mild mannered blue sash wearing Jesus

Mr. Niceguy in all situations

Jesus was not above shaking that Mr. Meekman label on matters that were significant

John 2:13-17

It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. In the Temple area he saw merchants selling cattle, sheep, and doves for sacrifices; he also saw dealers at tables exchanging foreign money. Jesus made a whip from some ropes and chased them all out of the Temple. He drove out the sheep and cattle, scattered the money changers' coins over the floor, and turned over their tables. Then, going over to the people who sold doves, he told them, "Get these things out of here. Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" Then his disciples remembered it is written "Passion for God's house will consume me."

Jesus was passionate about protecting the Word and workings of God.

To be a real man means to be on guard at all times

Society has taught us that men are not emotional

In Matthew 22 the Pharisees, Sadducees, and other leaders are trying to trap Jesus with questions of "doctrine."

After answering their questions He calls repeatedly calls them hypocrites, blind guides, blind fools, snakes, vipers, and sons of vipers

"HE wasn't even acting 'Christian'"

Jesus was both sides of the coin rough when He needed to be and tender when He needed to be

Matthew 23:37

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.

Jesus was honorable because He was true to who God created Him to be

Honor is something that we do not readily give out in our society

I think that it is because we, men, have become less honor-able

We are called to live a life of honor to those around us

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Honoring is about humility

Proverbs 15:33

Humility comes before honor.

Hebrews 13:18

Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way.

Live honorably in every way!

I'm sure that takes a ton of prayer especially in a culture that does whatever they want and shows dishonor to those in authority.

Live honorably in every way

It's an honor to honor others

John 12:26

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

God honors those who serve

Serving means that we honor others

We learn how to show a high respect for others when we are willing to humble ourselves

On Friday at VBS

7 men grabbing the hands of kids and walking them in

Jesus demonstrated this kind of humility when He left heaven, lived as a man, died and rose again the third day.

Humility came before honor even for Jesus.

If we are to be honorable to the people around us then we have to live a life of service and humility

Matthew 13:53-58

When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country. He returned to Nazareth, his hometown. When he taught there in the synagogue, everyone was amazed and said, "Where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles?" Then they scoffed, "He's just the carpenter's son, and we know Mary, his mother, and his brothers—James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. All his sisters live right here among us. Where did he learn all these things?" And they were deeply offended and refused to believe in him. Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his own family." And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.

His ability to perform miracles was not available because of their unbelief and their lack of honor

It was not because He didn't have the power, it was because of their DIS-honorable position toward Him the miracles would not have been to any spiritual benefit

Honor is vitally important to living out the life that we are called to live

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