

# THE CROSS *and* CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

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## “THE CROSS AND CHRISTIAN MANHOOD”

Genesis 1-3; Romans 5:12-21

### God’s Design for Men...

- God created men and women with \_\_\_\_\_ dignity. (Gen. 1:26-31; Ps. 8:3-8)
- God created men and women with \_\_\_\_\_ roles. (Gen. 2:15-24; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23)
  - Man was created to be the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To lead with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - To provide and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Woman was created to be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- God created men and women as a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Trinity. (Gen. 1:1; Jn. 1:1-4; Jn. 5:19-23)
  - This is loving leadership in the context of \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

### Sin’s Distortion of Men...

- Passive: Sin leads men to \_\_\_\_\_ their responsibilities. (Gen. 3:1-7)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Grow Up Walter
  - \_\_\_\_\_ From Reality Andy
  - Too \_\_\_\_\_ Carl
  - \_\_\_\_\_ It On Everybody (And Everything) Else Bob
  - Rest in \_\_\_\_\_ Ron
- Aggressive: Sin leads men to \_\_\_\_\_ their authority. (Gen. 3:16)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Guy Tom
  - \_\_\_\_\_ What I Want Gary
  - Living For What Won’t \_\_\_\_\_ Larry
  - Can’t Put Work \_\_\_\_\_ Dan
  - Put A Good \_\_\_\_\_ On It Frank

### Christlike Devotion in Men...

- Christ and Manhood (Gen. 3:15)...
  - Jesus perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ true manhood.
  - Jesus mercifully \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sin and from ourselves.
  - Jesus personally \_\_\_\_\_ us into the men God created us to be.
- The Cross and Manhood (Rom. 5:12-21)...
  - The cross compels us to \_\_\_\_\_ humble, hard-working leadership in our lives.
    - Strive for \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Pet. 1:13-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
      - Practice \_\_\_\_\_ disciplines.
      - Flee \_\_\_\_\_ immorality.
      - Fight \_\_\_\_\_ idolatry.
      - Cultivate \_\_\_\_\_ integrity.
    - Take \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:25; Mk. 12:29-31)
      - For \_\_\_\_\_ a family.
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        - Spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and relationally
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 5:8; 1 Thess. 4:10-12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Prov. 6:6-11)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut. 20:7-8; 24:5; Josh. 1:14; Jdg. 4:8-10; Neh. 4:13-14; Jer. 50:37; Nah. 3:13; Mat. 2:13-14)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ women. (1 Pet. 3:7)
    - \_\_\_\_\_ boys to be men. (Titus 2:1-8)
  - The cross compels us to show selfless, sacrificial \_\_\_\_\_ for our wives. (Eph. 5:22-33)
    - Love your wife \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - The cross compels us to desperate dependence on \_\_\_\_\_ that only Christ can \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 15:10)

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  - Man was created to be the head.
    - To lead with love.
    - To provide and protect.
  - Woman was created to be the helper.
- God created men and women as a reflection of the Trinity. (Gen. 1:1; Jn. 1:1-4; Jn. 5:19-23)
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  - The cross compels us to initiate humble, hard-working leadership in our lives.
    - Strive for purity. (1 Pet. 1:13-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11)
      - Practice spiritual disciplines.
      - Flee sexual immorality.
      - Fight material idolatry.
      - Cultivate personal integrity.
    - Take responsibility. (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:25; Mk. 12:29-31)
      - For starting a family.
      - For shepherding a family.
        - Spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, physically, and relationally
    - Provide. (1 Tim. 5:8; 1 Thess. 4:10-12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Prov. 6:6-11)
    - Protect. (Deut. 20:7-8; 24:5; Josh. 1:14; Jdg. 4:8-10; Neh. 4:13-14; Jer. 50:37; Nah. 3:13; Mat. 2:13-14)
    - Honor women. (1 Pet. 3:7)
    - Train boys to be men. (Titus 2:1-8)
  - The cross compels us to show selfless, sacrificial love for our wives. (Eph. 5:22-33)
    - Love your wife faithfully.
    - Love your wife effectively.
    - Love your wife carefully.
    - Love your wife completely.
  - The cross compels us to desperate dependence on grace that only Christ can give. (1 Cor. 15:10)