

Christianity 101 Jesus and True Manhood

Fatherhood and the Role of a Man

Fatherhood: According to the Census Bureau and Fatherhood.org

Fatherless Homes in 2017- 19.7 million children living without a father, more than one in four. 2022 is exposing increased fatherlessness across America.

Importance of Fathers: Children without Fathers manifest negative thoughts and attitudes teachers and schooling. Healthy relationships with Fathers have proved better social and emotional skills along with cognitive capabilities.

What is the role of a Man in Life?

Our Recent Studies:

#1 Who Is Jesus? Can we trust Jesus to teach us the “truth” about a reality we do not see?

Jesus’ Credentials: Our conclusion involves integrating evidence Including: 1) His displayed power to heal, provide and protect, 2) His fulfillment of dozens of specific Old Testament prophecies written over a 1,000 years by a variety of people, 3) His personal assertions of who He was and what He represents, and 4) His resurrection.

#2 What Does Jesus Teach? Only matters if we believe in Him!!!

Jesus and the Purpose of a Man

1. God Entrusted Life to Men with the Help of Women.

Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:15- NASB “to cultivate and to keep” – **NLV** “to tend and care for it.” **Young’s** “to serve it, and to keep it.” **Amplified** “to tend and guard and keep it.”

2. Jesus lived with 100% clarity in regard to His purpose in life as a “Protector” and “Nurturer” of others.

John 6:40 “For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.” **PROVISION OF LIFE**

John 8:28 “So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am, and I do nothing on My own, but I say these things as the Father instructed Me.” **TEACHING; Jesus’ Purpose John 18:37**

“Jesus understood that God had entrusted lives to Him and He lived to protect and nurture others with truth.”

3. A “man’s purpose in life is to live with the same purpose as Jesus: to protect and to nurture life.

Matthew 26:41; Mark 14:38 “Keep watching and praying, so that you do not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

A Few Challenges for the Typical Man:

Strength and Power: We tend to dominate more than protect.

Sexuality: We tend to focus on self at the expense of others.

Healthy Thinking: We tend to value the body more than the mind.

The World Needs Men Nurtured by Jesus

- A man needs to be grateful for his God-given strengths and abilities.

A man needs to let go of shame and invest in himself in the “protecting” and “nurturing” of others.

- A man must learn from Jesus so that He knows how to invest his strengths and abilities for “life-giving” purposes.

Understanding what is true and best equips the mind to make choices that consistently “protect” and “nurture” others.