



## From Boys to Men

- What it means to be male can simply be biological, but what it means to be a man is something more!
- Male domination is a personal moral failure, not a teaching in the Bible.
- The first battle of the sexes was a battle with God over roles and responsibilities!

Manhood: One who courageously accepts responsibility!

- Men accept responsibility; boys blame.

### Three Core Responsibilities of Manhood:

#### I. There is a will to obey.

Genesis 2:15–17 (ESV)

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:1–12 (ESV)

Genesis 3:16–19 (ESV)

- Adam’s refusal to obey the will of God brought on the battle of the sexes. (Luke 22:41-42)
- Manhood accepts the responsibility to obey God’s will over his desires. (John 4:34)
- Men stand in the shadow of Christ; boys stand in the shadow of Adam.

#### II. There is a work to do.

1. The first work a man does is that of image bearing! (Genesis 1:26-27)

- Men are image bearers; boys are glory thieves.

2. A man must find his role in kingdom advancement! (1 Corinthians 15:58; John 17:4)

- Men invest their lives; boys spend their lives.

3. A man exceeds expectations in his professional life! (Colossians 3:23)

- Men work; boys are lazy. (John 17:4)

#### III. There is a woman to love and care for. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

- Men serve, sacrifice for, and protect the woman in their lives; boys use women for their own pleasure and comfort.