



Know Your Identity

Main idea Real image of manhood comes from God.

Warm-up How do you define man today?

introduction

What makes man a man? Having nice cars? Can drink up to 1 case of beer? Can bully and beat other guys? Going to the gym? Being athletic? Having the most beautiful girlfriend in the campus?

We have defined manhood based on what the world tells us. But what determines real manhood?

message

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."
Genesis 1:26

God created us according to his image and likeness. Therefore, he is the basis of what real manhood is all about. To understand our design and how we are created, we need to go back to God.

[Illustration]

Nobody understands any gadget than its creator.

I-Phone- Steve Jobs

Microsoft- Bill Gates

Car- Henry Ford

Nowadays a lot of men grow up in a home w/out a model of manhood due to various reasons- absentee fathers, fathers working abroad, separated parents, early death of father, abusive and irresponsible father. In search of a good model, what they find is a distorted view of a father from different life experiences.

The basis of manhood is not what the world suggests --(Brad Pitt, David Cook) and their good looks, masculine physical features or fame and success, not what commercials impose (Red Horse- strong beer for real men), not what we see on TV or read on magazines.

challenge

Only God can reveal what real manhood is all about. We may not have good models or we may have imperfect fathers but the good news is we can still become the man God created us to be by allowing God's image to work in our lives. Will you allow God's image to work in your life today?

Application Question

What did you learn from this lesson and how will you apply it in your life as a man?