

“The Road to Godly Manhood”

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KEYNOTE SCRIPTURE

Mark 3, “13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out the demons. 16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), 17 and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.”

THE ROAD TO GODLY MANHOOD BEGAN WITH A CALL FROM GOD IN CHRIST

- The call was in the context of His preaching
 - Mark 1, “14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”
 - His preaching clearly called forth a new era, where men would be governed by GOD within and not sin
- The call was for men to follow Him, which they clearly understood meant to receive His message and become His pupils or disciples
 - Mark 1, “16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”
- The call was for men to immediately leave what they were doing and put GOD first in all things
 - Mark 1, “18 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. 19 Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went away to follow Him.”
 - Mark 2, “14 As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He *said to him, “Follow Me!” And he got up and followed Him.”
- The theme of Christ’s calling of men was for them to repent, turn away from sin and the world’s systems and be governed by GOD
 - o Mark 2, “16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? 17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

WHAT WAS JESUS TEACHING THE DISCIPLES ABOUT MANHOOD?

- First, that GODLY MANHOOD is beyond generational tutelage, cultural influence, and personal endeavors
- Second, that GODLY MANHOOD is Spiritual
 - Manhood is bearing the image of GOD which He created males to be
 - Manhood is living to glorify the GOD whom created man
 - Manhood is following Jesus Christ as one's head and savior
- Third, GODLY MANHOOD can only be received when the marks, influences, and ways of the devil and what sin caused in them are gone

HOW WAS JESUS GOING TO TEACH HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT GODLY MANHOOD?

1. He calls them on a journey UP AND AWAY FROM where they were in control to learn how to hear and trust Him.

"13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him."

 - The first call of all who will follow an anointed man is into the mountain with GOD
 - The mountain is a journey of decision, self denial, and focused living
 - The mountain is high, full of unexpected disturbances, and hard work
 - The mountain is what sets the tone for the height of your ministry
 - The mountain is where motives are checked and put into perspective
 - The mountain is necessary to get to the anointing
 - The mountain is doing non-ministry related work; serving, submitting, and sowing, on your way to the anointing
2. He calls them UNTO HIMSELF so they can receive a Holy impartation and learn His message.

"14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach
3. He calls them to tests and, when they pass, gives them authority to help people come into the image of GOD

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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MEN TAKE THIS GODLY ROAD?

- They Glorify GOD by living a Spiritual life governed by GOD and His Kingdom and not of the world
 - They witness to the Grace of Christ's redemption from sin to the world
 - They model the Divine nature, character, and love of Christ to the world
 - They proclaim the Gospel and teachings of Christ to the world
 - They demonstrate authority over evil spirits and demonic forces to the world
- They recapture the headship and leadership GOD ordained for men to take upon
- They become models of GOD's love and the Gospel altogether which attracts men (and women) to the message of the Kingdom of GOD

- They bring a GOD-KIND of relief and release to humanity, casting out devils and giving the people right teaching for life

WHEN MEN AREN'T GODLY IN THEIR MANHOOD WHAT HAPPENS?

- They are no different than unregenerated sinners
- They are carnal, worldly, and off focus as to what life is all about
- They are unaccountable, unapproachable, unthankful, and uncorrectable
- They pollute what GODLY leadership is, misrepresenting Christ's love and mislead the next generation of young men as to what GOD's image is

HOW CAN MEN GET ON A GODLY ROAD TO MANHOOD?

1. SEEK THE LORD.
2. ANSWER HIS CALL (AND ABANDON EVERYTHING WHEN YOU DO).
3. HEAR HIS WORD AND PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE.
4. FOLLOW HIM (AFTER YOU RECEIVE HIS SPIRIT).