

Man Gender and Identity

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Sex – male or female characteristics determined by God in accordance with and identified by biology. (It is best not to use the word “sex” more than is absolutely necessary. It contains connotations and implications not always intended – use “gender” instead).

Gender – personal perception of and acceptance of gender as a gift from God and responsibility of role as male or female.

Masculinity – Expressions of boyhood and manhood that display characteristics and qualities for building individual and societal values. *These are quantitative qualities.* Virtues such as – strength, wisdom, kindness, gentleness, integrity, confidence, competence, leadership, decision making....

Godly masculinity – The Holy Spirit of God filling the heart and changing the life and creating an aura of God surrounding a Godly man and making him unique in manhood and all it entails. This “aura” is similar to the glory of God that shrouded and “clothed” Adam when he was created. *This is a qualitative value.* It is a difference, not in more of a virtue, but in a unique quality that sets him apart from “good” men of the world and makes him a true child of God because his heart is changed and he is an “ex-nihilo” new creation. Spiritual discernment is part of this new creation.

Roles of a Godly man

Son – of God

Son - of parents

Brother – of all believers especially of wife

Brother – of siblings

Husband – of wife (of potential wife if not married)

Head – of his home (prophet, priest, king)

Father – to his children

Father – to the fatherless

Grandfather – to grandchildren

Servant – of God

Servant – to family

Servant – to local Church

Servant – to his vocation

Godly men keep themselves close to God

God has made men physically strong

God wants to make men morally and spiritually strong

This strength is to be used to protect and defend women and children

No woman need ever fear a Godly man.

If men do not develop masculinity they tend to revert to “maleness”