

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

A Real Husband, Part One

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If you describe your father or husband as “manly,” what do you mean? Does it mean he can change his own oil, lift heavy objects, and know the difference between a 12-gauge and 20-gauge shotgun? Does it mean he is athletic? Or does it mean he works out a lot? How do you define manliness?

Our culture has created a new term—“toxic masculinity.” The uses of this phrase varies, but it generally means that there are certain masculine characteristics that have had an overall negative impact on culture, especially as it relates to relationships with women. Some even say that traditional acts of chivalry, like

holding doors for women and paying for meals on dates, are condescending toward women and do not reflect female equality.

What does God think about all of this, especially when it comes to husbands and wives? While the Bible does not give detailed instructions on politeness and dating routines, it does teach us broader principles that create standards for husband and wife behavior. For instance, Peter wrote that if you are a husband you should “live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that

your prayers will not be hindered” (I Peter 3:7). We can see several truths presented in this single verse:

(1). *Husbands should “understand” women.* This is an acknowledgement that men and women are different. It would be foolish for a man to expect his wife to see things exactly like he sees them. He should do his best to understand her perspective.

(2). *Women are “weaker” than men.* How so? Scripture is clear that women are not inferior to men in value (Gen. 1:27) or salvation (Gal. 3:28).

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Items of Note:

- Our annual Thanksgiving devotional will be this Wednesday night at 7:00.
- Steven Hayes is recovering from surgery to remove a benign tumor at the base on his jaw, below his ear.
- Goodpasture student, Alex Martin, has begun chemotherapy treatment.
- Remember in your prayers those affected by the fires in California.

Morning Sermon: “What Is Your Attitude?” Our Monthly Singing Is Tonight

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Smith

Pray: John Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: J. Demonbreum, J. Walker, Gupton

Pray: Brown

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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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I Chronicles 29:13
“Now, therefore, our God,
we thank You, and praise
Your glorious name.”

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A Real Husband, Part Two

Peter is simply stating what is abundantly obvious to all rational people: women are physically weaker than men.

(3). *Husbands should honor their wives.* Paul reaffirmed this in Ephesians 5 when he stated that husbands should love their wives as Christ loved the church (v. 25). There is no greater privilege than for a man to be married to a faithful woman; therefore, he should honor his wife to the ultimate degree. He should show her respect. He should do everything in his power to bless his wife. Many wives today feel disrespected and neglected, and that is a shame.

(4). *A husband's behavior affects his*

prayers. God is watching how husbands treat their wives. He is observing the speech, conduct, and love a husband gives his wife. Just as personal forgiveness affects divine forgiveness (Matt. 6:12), domestic behavior influences prayers.

These commands and principles seem easy to understand. They put responsibilities on husbands and elevate the value and importance of wives. This verse is in the Bible—right there in black and white. Remember this when someone tells you that the Bible teaches a chauvinistic, misogynistic, out of date view of women and domestic relationships. The same God who created women is the same God who in-

spired those words. The same God who sent His Son to be born to a woman of low social standing, is the same God who inspired those words. The same God who invented marriage is the same God who inspired those words. When a husband follows God's word, he will never abuse his wife, belittle her feelings, or commit adultery.

Culture is reluctant to follow God's word on marriage for the same reason they are reluctant to follow God's word on any number of issues: they are too selfish.

May selfishness never define Christian husbands,

James Hayes
