

BIBLICAL MANHOOD



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So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

I have recently spoken to groups about raising masculine sons and feminine daughters. (I hijacked that title from a chapter of *Point Man* by Steve Farrar. Written over 20 years ago, this one chapter is still on point and worth the entire book!)

Our culture has masculinity and femininity, manhood and womanhood so confused that focusing on all that's wrong is too complex. So, I find that most of my time is spent reminding folks that God has a plan and a design laid out in His Word. Genesis 1-3 are especially helpful for us as we seek to understand and follow His plan.

It occurs to me that much of what I understand about God's plan for men and women, the corruption of sin and how Jesus reconciles and restores God's order, I learned from Robert Lewis in *The Quest for Authentic Manhood* and *Raising a Modern Day Knight*.

I'm also thankful that *Men's Fraternity* and now *33 The Series* have been hallmarks of our effort to help churches reach and build men. In the fall of 2005 we launched 4 groups. In 2006 there were 11. In 2007, there were 39. Then we lost count.

God is still using these tools to help men understand biblical manhood and share it with others. (BTW... there are also a few sessions about biblical womanhood!) **God has used Noble Warriors as a tool to equip and train men in churches across the state and beyond.** (It's not uncommon for us to hear of guys moving out of state and launching groups!)

- ▶ Join us in praying that as confusion grows in our culture, men will be drawn to the Bible for clarity.
- ▶ Pray with us also that our churches will continue to uphold Jesus as the ultimate model of manhood!
- ▶ Let's thank the Lord together for the work He has done through us to bring clarity to the debates.

MINUTE WITH MIKE

Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...
1 Chronicles 12:32a

Moral change is happening quickly in our world. Followers of Jesus should not be frightened or discouraged by this truth. This is a time of clarifying and refining. **We must hold fast to the anchor of God's word and be careful to view events and information through a biblical lens.**

With this in mind, I try to explore a variety of information and resources about discipling men and related topics. I often read with a pen in my hand to underline and make notes. So, Christen just created a new page on our website that we titled **Strong Links**.

STRONGLINKS

As we encounter articles, posts and other online resources that complement our mission, we're adding them here. You'll find links to blog posts, web pages, other ministries, books, Bible studies and other resources under the following topics...

- Fathering**
- Leadership**
- Marriage**
- Mentoring / Community**
- Miscellaneous**
- Nickel Prayer Defense**
- Singleness / Divorce**
- Spiritual Development**
- Women**

Take a look when you have an opportunity and let us know if you have an article or resource to recommend.

- ▶ Pray with us that the Bible will be our guide and that we will be faithful to serve churches with helpful and God-honoring resources to disciple men.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Our upcoming fall and spring conference dates are set! We'll announce host churches and speakers as details are confirmed. Get the dates on your calendars! **Pray for God to clearly guide our team as we prepare to see hundreds of churches impacted!**

Leading Noble Men Tuesday, January 28, 2020

The Noble Man:

Hampton Roads / Tidewater Saturday, October 26, 2019

Roanoke Saturday, February 29, 2020

Fredericksburg Saturday, March 14, 2020

Richmond Saturday, March 28, 2020

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FAMILY UPDATE

TIM is in Airborne school right now. Should be his last bit of training before heading off to Hawaii for his first duty assignment.

ZACH is working at W.M. Jordan for the second summer. He's happy to be back on a jobsite rather than in a classroom. He and Ben enjoyed working together on an office renovation for a friend.

BEN is in the home stretch toward graduation. As the Senior Class President, he leads processions and makes welcome speeches. He and Madi were a cute couple headed to prom!

HANNAH is about to finish up with middle school. She can get all dressed up for the 8th grade dance but doesn't mind a little tractor work at her Grandma and Howdo's!

The kids celebrated Mother's Day in our traditional manner by cooking lunch for **STACY** (and cleaning up the kitchen!)

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for our family and the ministry of Noble Warriors!

