

SESSION 1

Godly Manhood



JESUS' SUMMARY OF GODLINESS

Matthew 22:36-40

³⁶ “Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?”

³⁷ Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE FOR A MAN TO LOVE GOD AND LOVE HIS NEIGHBOR?

A negative example:

Genesis 2-3

- Embraces passivity
- Rejects responsibility
- Hides in fear
- Expects condemnation

A positive example:

Genesis 3:15

“He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Romans 5:6-8

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

- Rejects passivity
- Accepts responsibility
- Leads courageously
- Expects God’s reward

GETTING CLEAR ON THE BOUNDARIES OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Cultivating Self-Awareness

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. I feel (equipped, lost, inadequate, encouraged) _____ in my journey to be a godly man.
Choose one descriptor or supply your own and explain why.
2. Describe an area of your life where you need help to grow towards expressing courageous leadership.
3. When you think about God's reward for you, what image comes to mind? Is it a powerful motivator for you?