

“The Best Mother’s Day Gift: Biblical Masculinity”
Ephesians 5:22-33; Philippians 2:3-8

“The Church at large is afraid of the full teaching of Scripture because that will make us have to deny our desires. The way around this is to make certain Biblical standards seem out of date, no longer relevant, cultural, gray, or to simply ignore them because they are offensive to modern mentalities. We crave spiritual autonomy so we only have to submit to or deal with what we want to and we want no responsibility to one another, which has led to the destruction of masculinity and femininity.”

What is Biblical Masculinity?

Biblical Masculinity is selfless, sacrificial, humble, loving leadership that desires to provide and protect with an eternal perspective, for the spiritual good of their “neighbor” (cf. Genesis 1:27).

- Ephesians 5:22-33
 - *The Husband* is given spiritual headship in the home and *the Elder* is given spiritual headship in the church (Ephesians 5:22-24; 1 Timothy 2:12; 3:4-5).
 - *The Husband* is supposed to love his wife and children by teaching them and encouraging them in the Word for their sanctification and salvation and *the Elder* is supposed to love the flock by preaching and teaching them the Word for their sanctification (Ephesians 5:25-27; 6:4; Acts 20:26-29; Colossians 1:28-29).
 - *The Husband* is supposed to selflessly sacrifice for the spiritual, physical, and emotional good of his family and *the Elder* is supposed to selflessly sacrifice for the spiritual good of the flock (Ephesians 5:28-33; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17).
 - **NOURISH** is to provide what is needed emotionally and spiritually and **CHERISH** is to provide what is needed physically.
- Other Scriptures for Biblical Masculinity:
 - “Husbands, love (as a sister in Christ) your wives, and do not be harsh (be bitter or irritate) with them....Fathers, do not provoke (irritate or nag) your children, lest they become discouraged (lose heart or give up).” (Colossians 3:19,21)
 - “Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way (considerate of her feelings and needs), showing honor (maximize all grace to her) to the woman as the weaker vessel (protect her), since they are heirs with you of the grace of life (grace of marriage), so that your prayers may not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)
 - “And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, ‘You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be the first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.’” (Mark 10:42-45)
 - “Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ‘Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.’ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.” (Proverbs 31:28-30)
- Jesus’ example: Philippians 2:3-8

Announcements:

★**HEALTHTREE MOVES FOR MYELOMA:** We are putting together a team to participate in the 5K/1 M Walk happening in approximately 3 WEEKS, on Saturday, June 3rd at Wolfe Park in Columbus, Ohio. If you are interested in participating in this, please see the board on the back table for more information, or see Joel Decker for any questions you may have. To register for the event, you will need to go online and register with Team Legacy.

★**TRANSMISSION OF SCRIPTURE:** We will be starting our new Sunday Teaching Class NEXT Sunday, May 21st. This class will be on the transmission of Scripture — how we got the Bible. It will be every Sunday, from 4-5pm, in the Fellowship Hall. This is a 6 week class that will be taught by Pastor Jeremy. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, if you are interested in participating in this class, please sign-up! **THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN-UP FOR THIS CLASS!**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of May we are collecting monetary donations for the Christian Union Summer Camps. Each summer our denomination hosts 3 weeks of church camps in Greenfield, Ohio for children ages 9-18. Your monetary donations would help with the cost of purchasing food for these church camps, in order to not increase the price of camp for each child. For more information about the denomination and about the church camps themselves, please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is a donation for the Summer Camps.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a Members Meeting on Sunday, May 28th, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to vote on the budget options and the proposed By-Law changes and additions that were presented at the Members Meeting last month. If you are a current church member, please plan to stay for this meeting.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, May 21st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something to the dinner. **EVERYONE** is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!