

# Christian Manhood

**What was Jesus Christ really like? Why are so many of His characteristics missing in modern Christian manhood? Do you know what constitutes true Christian masculinity?**

The scene is the Temple in Jerusalem, a central place of worship in Ancient Israel, yet it was filled with the smell of animal manure and the sights and sounds of tradesmen and moneychangers.

Suddenly, a powerfully built 30 year old man appeared. The breadth of His shoulders and the girth of His chest was evident as He strode confidently into the scene.

His nostrils quivered and His posture stiffened as the animal stench and raucous babble of the tradesmen and moneychangers came under His immediate scrutiny. He paused only for a moment as the full impact of the cheap and tawdry scene in God's Temple became evident.

Then He moved forward swiftly.

He jerked the heavy tables of the moneychangers out from under them and turned them over. He ripped open the cages that held so many birds to be sold, loosed the cattle and oxen from their stalls, driving them out of the Temple.

*"Get out of here and take your things with you!"* a deep and powerful voice thundered to the astonishment of the people. *"Quit making My Father's house a cheap bartering place and den of thieves."*

What a scene!

**But why did not someone stop this indignant young man?**

**This was masculine dominance exemplified, this man was Jesus Christ!**

Many will say that these Jews did not stop Jesus Christ on this occasion because they knew He was the Messiah, but such thoughts are wrong.

Read the inspired account in **John 2:13-22** and you will see that the people involved had no idea. Jesus Christ had only begun His ministry, so it was neither respect for Him as a great prophet or the Messiah or religious piety on the part of those wretched traders and moneychangers which prevented them from surrounding Him and beating Him up right on the spot.

**The reason those Jews kept their distance was that Jesus Christ was a real man, He was a powerful man, a "man's man." He was a truly masculine man of a type that is rapidly disappearing in our western "civilisation."**

For although Jesus was certainly Emanuel, *"God with us,"* [Matthew 1:23] God in the flesh, yet He was also human. He was often called *"the Son of Man,"* [Matthew 8:20; Matthew 26:2; Luke 7:34; Luke 9:44; etc.]. Jesus received human nature from His mother Mary, [Matthew 1:18] yet as a human being He was tempted in every way as we are, without giving in to sin, [Hebrews 4:15].

**In this encounter with the moneychangers and tradesmen in God's Temple, we see the real Jesus of Nazareth, a rugged he-man, because Jesus had been carpenter and builder, working with heavy rocks and timbers all His life.**

**Even in His ministry Jesus was an "outdoors man,"** [Matthew 8:19-20]. **He was accustomed to sleeping under the stars, cooking over an open campfire, and walking long miles over the hills of Palestine.**

In everything He did, Jesus obeyed the inspired injunction of **Ecclesiastes 9:10** putting His whole being into everything He did.

**Jesus never once broke the physical laws of health.**

**This should give us a better perspective of confidence in Him as a human being, whose conviction and personality made Him automatically dominate in any encounter with other beings.**

**In mind, body and personality, as well as the active power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ was a man who was far distant from the misleading portraits of Him in ignorant human minds, there was nothing effeminate about the real Jesus Christ.**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** [King James] *“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”*

God created humans in His own image, both male and female, Jesus Christ perfectly depicts the male image of God, [**Colossians 1:15**].

**God intended that men would be real men, learning to exemplify the traits of strength, dominance, decisiveness and leadership as shown in Jesus Christ the Son of Man.**

**In the Eternal God’s sight, the weak degenerate characteristics exemplified by the actions of homosexuals and effeminate men we see today are an absolute abomination! This trend is having a major part in wrecking and ruining the potential purpose of God, making men after His own image and likeness.**

**Genesis 1:26-27** [New King James] *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

The Hebrew word translated “*image*” is “*tselem*” meaning resemblance, outward form, material representation, and the Hebrew word translated “*likeness*” is totally different, “*demûwth*” meaning manner, attributes, model, character.

**Galatians 5:22-25** [New King James] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”*

These are the very characteristics we are, both men and women are to develop over a period of time in the intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, who is one of the three Persons of the One Triune Eternal God.

**Today we see in society developing where there are neither real men or real women, with rebellious children who have become the product of the lack of the right example being set by their parents and the discipline that goes with that right example.**

**Hundreds of years ago God warned of this condition and showed it as a cause of our coming downfall of all humanity.**

**Isaiah 3:4-5** [King James] *“And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.”*

We can certainly see the fulfilment of this prophecy all around us today.

**Isaiah 3:12** [King James] *“As for my people, **children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.** O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.”*

**God intends that the man should be leader, and when the man defaults this God-given prerogative, there is automatically going to be trouble!**

**Ephesians 5:15-16, 21-33** [New King James] *“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” ... “submitting to one another in the fear of God. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Saviour of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”*

This is the inspired Word of God and the wise decision to make in this society that is about to destroy itself, [**Matthew 24:3-14, 21-22**].

**Although many women themselves do not fully realise it, they will never be truly happy and have a sense of security for which they long so much, unless their husbands develop the right kind of masculine dominance and leadership and they gladly submit to that which God intended in a marriage.**

Notice that while the prophet said that women “rule” it stated that the children “oppress.” **This is because a woman will never have the same degree of leadership and force in the home to guide the children and train them properly as a man ought to be doing!**

**Many women wish for these leadership qualities and strength of personality for themselves and many men are simply too lazy and too weak to exercise their God-given responsibilities.**

**Too often, sadly to say, the father in a marriage is not fit to be the head of the home!**

He either does **not** have the masculine backbone and wisdom, or he is an undisciplined tyrant who wants to domineer instead of dominate!

Such a man’s father and mother and society have failed utterly to teach him the meaning of true loving masculinity.

## **How many young boys grow up in this society –**

**Why is our society increasingly woman-dominated and effeminate?**

It was **not** the way in the past when Britain and America expanded to the four corners of the earth, achieving the highest level of prosperity and national stature in modern times.

**In these earlier days boys of our nation spent more time with their fathers.**

**In the towns and cities boys often worked alongside their father in his store or workshop learning a trade directly from their own father.**

**In the countryside boys worked on family farms with their father, learning to be strong and self-reliant, in rugged masculine endeavours.**

**They learned to support themselves; nobody thought of socialism in those days.**

**Divorce was rare. Nearly all families stayed together, prayed together and played together. There was a feeling of family unity with the father at the head of the house.**

**Today, however, it is exactly the reverse in most families.**

**The father is too often away from the family at work and the mother, if not also working away from the home, is left in charge of the sons.**

Even if the father does come home each night, his word is no longer accepted as the authority in the home.

**Also a constant deluge of degenerate perverted doctrine emanating from books, magazines, films, TV and internet, portrays the father as no longer head of the house.**

**Also increasingly divorce splits the home leaving the mother to bring up the children without the influence of a male father.**

**When the children leave home to go to school, once again they encounter feminine teachers with few men about.**

By this time, many boys have already adopted a feminine approach to life. They have taken on feminine ways of solving problems, feminine personality and emotions!

**Naturally compromising the masculine leadership and traits they ought to be developing!**

Someday all of you who read this article are going to realise what a damnable and horrible thing this is, not just from a man's point of view, but from the point of view of women as well.

**For every normal woman needs the right kind of man to love, protect, provide for her and lead her. There are very few of such men being fashioned by society today.**

## **Effeminate religion –**

**Even our modern Christian religion has become largely effeminate in nature.**

**A weak, sickly-looking, long-haired, effeminate sort of Jesus Christ is poured into the minds of most religious people today.**

**Some religious leaders try to substitute the Virgin Mary as our intercessor instead of Jesus Christ, [Hebrews 7:25].**

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**Naturally if small boys do attend Sunday School they usually have older ladies telling disconnected "*Bible stories*" which give no real understanding of the plan and purpose of the Creator God for human beings.**

How often is the religious leader's voice *"like a trumpeter to show my people their transgressions,"* [Isaiah 58:1] or do they preach the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, this time as a very masculine *"King of kings and Lord of lords"* [Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:11-16] to judge all humanity? [2 Corinthians 5:10-12].

## What constitutes true Christian masculinity? –

### Strength and courage –

In the example at the beginning of this article was reviewed the dramatic incident when Jesus of Nazareth threw out the moneychangers from God's Temple.

**This was the true Jesus Christ of the Christian Bible that is not being preached today.**

**The true Jesus Christ was strong, courageous, determined with a dominant and forceful personality.**

Notice also the example of Paul.

**Acts 14:19-22** [New King James] *"Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. and when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God.'"*

**Paul had the courage to go back to the hostile cities that had stoned him to the point of death, a personal example of what any true Christian may have to face.**

Peter was also an example of undaunted courage and raw faith.

**Acts 5:19** [New King James] *"But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,"*

After being beaten for speaking in the authority of Jesus Christ and put in prison, Peter and other apostles were supernaturally released and told to continue to preach the words of Jesus Christ, [verse 20]. **When again facing the religious court of the Jews, Peter and the other apostles stated, "we ought to obey God rather than men" [verse 29]. This led to more beating, [verse 40].**

**Notice how Peter and the apostles rejoiced when they were counted worthy to suffer in the name of Jesus Christ.**

**This type of resolute courage and determination is certainly a major characteristic of true Christian men of the true God.**

King David of Israel was called by God *"a man after mine own heart,"* [Acts 13:22]. A primary reason for this was because David was wholehearted in whatever he did, also his unshakable faith and courage.

**David illustrated this courage and faith in God when he faced Goliath, [1 Samuel 17:1-11].** When David brought supplies to his brothers on the battlefield and heard the words of Goliath, what was his response?

**1 Samuel 17:26, 32** [New King James] *"Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, 'What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel?'*

*For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?” ... “Then David said to Saul, ‘Let no man’s heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.’”*

**These words and his following actions showed the great faith and courage of a man who was close to his Creator God.**

**David was a real man, not a mouse; yet he was a man “*after God’s own heart.*”**

## **Dominance and leadership –**

In the above cited example notice how David stepped out boldly and took the lead in the situation. He had courage and dignity even in the presence of the king of Israel.

**David acted with initiative and leadership when he saw an opportunity to save his nation.**

Paul was a leader in dealing with the reaching of the Gentiles with the gospel message, he spoke boldly and acted decisively, his letters to the Christian Church were all powerful and positive.

## **Wholeheartedness and total sincerity –**

Throughout every phase of our society people learn to deal with “*half-truths*” and ambiguities. People learn to compromise, water down and “*play down*” what they say, think and do.

**Politicians and college professors learn to deal in phrases like “*it would appear,*” or “*perhaps I might suggest,*” and so forth.**

**People consider you are too dogmatic if you say “*this is the way it is.*”**

**People today do not like to see someone sure of anything. They are suspicious of you if you are totally committed to any cause with all your mind, heart and being.**

**Yet this is one of the qualities the Eternal Creator God desires in His servants, it is also a basic quality of any real man.**

The patriarch Abraham is called “*the father of the faithful,*” [Galatians 3:6-9].

**Genesis 17:1** [King James] “*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*”

**The meaning of the Hebrew translated “*perfect*” is sincere and wholehearted.**

Throughout the Psalms David worshipped God with his whole being, [example **Psalms 119:97**]. **When David did sin he was wholehearted in his repentance as we can read in Psalms 51:1-17.**

## **Wisdom and bigness of mind –**

**Proverbs 4:7-8** [New King James] “*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; she will bring you honour, when you embrace her.*”

**Wisdom is the ability to get all the facts, weigh them in the light of true understanding as found in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, of causes and effect and then make the right decision in any circumstance.**

**Wisdom is the most important characteristic which every leader must have.**

## Why is wisdom becoming an increasingly scarce commodity today?

**Proverbs 9:10** [New King James] *“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”*

**Very few leaders or men in general even remotely understand the purpose of human existence, and few make their decisions in life accordingly in both physical and spiritual matters with Godly wisdom.**

[Please download and study the article with the title ‘*God’s Purpose For Every Human Being*’ on this website, listed under main heading ‘*Human Nature*’. You will be eternally grateful you did.]

King David exemplified a bigness of mind over and over again. When King Saul was constantly trying to murder David, David had several opportunities to slay the king and take his anointed place as king of Israel.

**1 Samuel 26:9-11** [New King James] *“But David said to Abishai, ‘Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD’s anointed, and be guiltless?’ David said furthermore, ‘As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD’s anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go.’”*

**David’s attitude of “bigness of mind” is shown in this event. Even though it was being misused, David deeply respected the high office which Saul held, David knew that God was behind that office.**

**Romans 13:1-7** [New King James] *“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.”*

This is applying a “bigness of mind” in our lives today.

## Love, compassion and right emotions –

Some may think of masculinity as simple brute power, perhaps coupled with a cold wisdom and logical analysis. But this is far from the complete picture of a God-like masculinity.

The Almighty God made humans capable of expressing the right kind of emotion.

Too many men try to be the “strong silent type,” trained to squelch their emotions. They have been taught that to shed tears, show deep feelings and compassion are signs of weakness and femininity.

**But they are wrong!**

**John records the response of Jesus Christ when His friend Lazarus died.**

When Jesus Christ saw Mary and the friends of Lazarus crying, He relates to this “feeling” of helplessness and hopelessness of human beings in the face of death; He “groaned in the spirit and was troubled,” then wept with them, [John 11:33-35].

When we consider the conversation Jesus had before He met Mary with her sister Martha, [**John 11:20-27**] we see that part of the grief that Jesus Christ had for the people was their lack of faith in Him as their Saviour. Even in Martha it was only “*head knowledge*” not “*heart knowledge*” that is true faith.

**To have such grief and compassion for people who are still blinded to this good news of Jesus Christ being our Saviour from eternal death is part of the character and emotions of a true Christian man.**

**Jesus Christ then committed an unforgettable miracle of resurrecting back to physical life a man who had been dead for four days, [John 11:38-44].**

**Note this was to prove to all the people that He was their Saviour over eternal death.**

This same compassion for people who were living a life that was full of pain often during the ministry of Jesus Christ, [**Mark 1:40-41; Matthew 9:35-36; Matthew 14:14-16; Mark 6:34**].

**All male readers of this article should read the recorded life of David and his deep expression of emotion, compassion and love. This same compassion is expressed in the Psalms that David wrote.**

There are many examples recorded in scripture, the Christian Bible, of the Almighty God being full of mercy and compassion towards all His physical children, that is, those who respect Who and What He is, [**Psalms 103:11-14; Psalms 33:18-22; Psalms 71:1-24**].

**Psalm 71** is of great comfort to all who are old and frail, near to the end of their physical life, as I am. Such words are of great comfort as we face death, from our Heavenly Father who is full of compassion and love.