

**Wretched Worldview**

**Biblical Manhood:  
Encouraging young men to  
become godly men**

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*These answers are not meant to be comprehensive, but to serve as a general guideline.*

1. Define agape love and give at least 5 Scripture passages that describe this type of love. **Agape love is self-sacrificing, and loves despite the object of the affection. (This means that God loved us, not because we were lovely or in any way worthy of His love, but simply because He chose to love us.) Possible Scriptures references include John 3:16, 15:13; Romans 5:8, 8:32; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2.**

2. What is male headship as described in this DVD? How does the Bible support the idea of male headship in the home?

**Male headship is the God-ordained role of men in marriage and family. His role as leader is not optional. The husband is under God's authority, the wife is under the husband's authority and the children are under both parents' authority. This line of authority is found in Ephesians 5:22-33. Also found in this passage is the understanding that marriage is to be a reflection of the relationship between Christ and the church. The husband, therefore, is called to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave His life for her. According to Ephesians 5:23-33, Colossians 3:19, and 1 Peter 3:7, this love is characterized by gentleness, kindness, and to be in the same way he cares for his own body.**

**In addition, male headship was part of God's original design in creation. This is supported by the account of Eve's creation in Genesis 2:**

**She was made *after* Adam  
She was made *for* Adam  
She was made *from* Adam  
She was brought *to* Adam  
She was named *by* Adam**

**Further support is found in Genesis 3:17 where God indicts Adam for listening to the voice of his wife and eating the fruit. In Romans 5, Paul writes of death entering the world through one man, not one couple; in 1 Corinthians 15:45, Jesus is referred to as the last Adam, not the last Adam and Eve.**

3. What does biblical submission look like? List the various relationships in which submission is called for according to the Bible.

**In general, biblical submission is voluntary and is to be done as to the Lord. Those who are in authority are not to demand submission, but to exercise their authority under the headship of Jesus Christ and with the knowledge that they will answer to the Lord for their conduct.**

**In Ephesians 5-6 and Colossians 3-4, the Bible outlines how various relationships are to function. The wife is to submit to the husband in the same way as the church submits to Christ. Because her submission is to be as to the Lord, it is an act of worship on her part. The children are to honor their parents through obedience.**

**Slaves are to submit to their masters through heartfelt obedience, concerned with pleasing the Lord, not just their earthly masters.**

4. Describe what it means to be a gospel-centered husband and father.  
**It means living intentionally in the reality of what God has done for him in Christ. He loves his family sacrificially because God has loved him with a sacrificial love. He willingly forgives and doesn't hold grudges because he has been forgiven so much through Christ. He leads with humility because of the humility Christ displayed in coming to earth and dying for his sins. He doesn't consider himself better than other family members because he knows what a wretched sinner he is apart from the saving and sanctifying work of Christ on his behalf. His desire for his family is, first and foremost, that they are saved and growing in their walk with the Lord, so he disciples them in the Word.**
5. The following is the list of ten principles of biblical manhood as discussed in Chapter 1. Write a definition of each of these based upon what you learned throughout the entire DVD. Use Scripture to support your answers, where possible.
  - 1) **Love -** The type of love God has shown through the Gospel is agape love. It is self-sacrificing and loves despite the object of affection. This is the same love with which husbands are called to love their wives. Marriage is a picture of Christ and the church, with the husband exemplifying the role of Jesus and the wife the role of the church. In the same way that Jesus gave up His life for the church, so the husband should be willing to give up his life for his wife. He should be discipling her, building her up in Christ through the washing of the Word, living with her in an understanding way, and praying for her sanctification. Scripture passages could include Ephesians 5, Colossians 3, 1 Peter 3:7.
  - 2) **Leadership -** A man's leadership in the home should reflect Jesus' leadership of His church. It should not be dictatorial, but marked by gentleness, showing his wife honor as the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:7). As a father, he is not to provoke his children to anger, but to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).
  - 3) **Example -** A man should exemplify godly characteristics. He should be walking in the Spirit according to the descriptions given in Galatians 5:16-23; Philippians 4:8; and Colossians 3:12-13.
  - 4) **Authority -** A man should remember that God is head over him and he will answer to God someday for his leadership in the home.
  - 5) **Acceptance -** As a husband, the man should see his wife as a fellow heir of salvation, (1 Peter 3:7), and recognize his responsibility to disciple her and help her in her sanctification – just as Christ did for His church (Ephesians 5:26).

- 6) **Listening -** As a husband, the man should try to avoid his inclination to fix his wife's problems (unless she is asking for help) and just listen to her.
  - 7) **Understanding -** As a husband, the man should show empathy to his wife. As a father, he should not provoke his children to anger (Ephesians 6:4), which can imply instructing and disciplining them with understanding.
  - 8) **Work -** All work is honorable if it in some way helps to meet the needs of fellow man. Because of the gospel, a Christian's job should be considered a form of their worship to God. Work allows the husband to be responsible and provide for his family. Be careful not to fall into the trap of workaholism.
  - 9) **Sexuality -** Within the marriage relationship, sex is good and honorable and should be engaged in freely and generously. Your bodies belong to each other in marriage. There is no place for sex outside of marriage – even if it's only in the man's mind. While lust and pornography are tantalizing temptations promising deep satisfaction, in reality they deliver extreme dissatisfaction and pain.
  - 10) **Home -** Overall, the man is to lead by example and help create a home that is peaceful and harmonious. He shouldn't "lord it over" his family, but lead them in love the way Christ lovingly leads His church.
6. What is the most important thing you learned from watching this DVD? Be detailed in your response and use Scripture to support your answer where possible.