Sunday Morning | June 4, 2017



ORIGINAL DESIGN

GENESIS 1:27 (NLT)

What does it mean to be a man?

I. GOD MADE SOME MALE (Genesis 1:27).

Three huge insights:

A. We are made.

TRUTH: Men and women are not accidental but intentional. We are not part of the animal kingdom but set apart by a supreme plan.

B. We were made in God's image.

INSIGHT: Human beings have something of God in them... eternal souls.

TRUTH: Made in God's image means we can have an interpersonal relationship with our Creator.

C. We were made male and female.

II. INNATE DIFFERENCES

INSIGHT: God created men to be strong, aggressive, and not heavy into soft and sweet.

III. WHAT IT MEANS TO BE MALE

Dr. James Dobson, in his book <u>Straight Talk to Men</u>, boiled manhood down to two things for him in a man's relation to his wife and children, but let's apply it to our culture and relationships.

A. Protector

TRUTH: In days gone by the women of a house were under the protective umbrella of the men.

TRUTH: To be a man, biblically, means to provide security.

B. Provider

TRUTH: A woman can not work and people don't blink, but not so with a man... Men are expected to work.

TRUTH: Self-esteem for a man comes mostly from his work by which he provides for his family.

INSIGHT: Providing is also about leading (Ephesians 5:22 Msg).

INSIGHT: Young girls get their self-image grounded from their fathers at an early age.

POINT: Gentlemen, it is a privilege to protect and provide... that's being a man.