

# PROVERBS: Wisdom for Living

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## Study 17: A call to Biblical Manhood

**READ** Proverbs 14:26-27, 1 Kings 2:1-4 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

We live at a time and in a culture where there is much confusion around what it means to be a man. This lack of clarity has led to devastating consequences within society, families, and the church at large. It has extended adolescence in a generation of young men. Fortunately, the Bible clarifies this ambiguity, giving men a picture and power to be all that God has made them to be in all spheres of life, through Jesus Christ. This study into Biblical manhood removes ambiguity and gives men something to aspire to and young women something to desire.

**Main lesson:** A call to Biblical manhood is a call to follow Christ as our example and our strength

### Questions:

1. How does the world view what a real man is, both now and in the past?
2. Why do you think men prolong adolescence and why is this a concern?
3. How has the church feminized Christianity in many ways? What effects do you think this has on men?
4. Before David died, he told his son Solomon, who would reign over Israel in his place, to "be strong and show yourself a man". From the context what defined strength and manhood and why? See 1 Kings 2:1-4.

5. A. How does being strong in the Lord connect with a healthy fear (trust) of God? See Prov 14:2, 26-27; Joshua 1:9.

B. How might this strength show itself in life? See 1 Sam 17:10-26; Acts 4:13, 31.

6. A. What was Jesus' relationship to the commands of God? See John 12:49; 14:31; Phil 2:8.

B. How does love for the Word of God and obedience to it show male maturity? See 1 Kings 2:3; Prov 13:13; Isaiah 66:2.

C. What was promised if Solomon heeded his father's advice (1 Kings 2:2-4)? Why is it important for a man to lead his family in the ways of the Lord and how might he do this?

7. In what ways can men teach their children a strong work ethic and why is this important? Prov 12:11; 14:23.

8. Men, what areas in your life require maturing? Women, how will you encourage the men in your life to grow in Biblical manhood?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Praise:** God that His truth is always right, trustworthy, and following it is safe

**Thank:** the Lord for the example of perfect manhood in the person of Jesus Christ

**Pray:** that the men in our church family would "be strong and act like godly men"