

God's Model for Manhood

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Judges 2:10 After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things He had done.

Paul's Examples

Philippians 2:19-30

Timothy "I have no one else like him" **Philippians 2:20**

Epaphroditus "... hold men like him in highest honor" **Philippians 2:29**

5 Values God looks for in the life of a real man

1. Compassion

Men who put people before profits

Philippians 2:20-21 I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:30-36 - The Samaritan

2. Consistency

Men who put character before conformity

Philippians 2:22 But you know how Timothy has proved himself. Like a son with his father, he has served with me in preaching the Good News.

Proverbs 10:9 The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out.

Proverbs 20:7 The godly walk with integrity; blessed are their children who follow them.

3. Cooperation

Men who put cooperation before competition

Philippians 2:25 I thought I should send Epaphroditus back to you. He is a true brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier.

Judges 20:11 So all the Israelites were completely united, and they gathered together...

4. Commitment

Men who put the cause of Christ before comfort

Philippians 2:25-27 (Epaphroditus) ... was your messenger to help me in my need. I am sending him because he has been longing to see you, and he was very distressed that you heard he was ill. And he certainly was ill; in fact, he almost died. But God had mercy on him

James 2:17 So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

5. Courage

Men who put service before security

Philippians 2:29-30 Welcome him with Christian love and with great joy, and give him the honor that people like him deserve. For he risked his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn't do from far away.

Romans 12:1-2 So then my brothers, because of God's great mercy to us, ... Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. Don't conform to the standard of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. (GN)

Mark 8:35 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

2 Chronicles 16:9 The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.