American society is full of messages of what a real man is like, and many of those messages are confused by the gender neutral, androgynous nature of our culture. Understanding what makes a man a man is critical, not just for men, but for an entire society who longs for just a few good men...

Who Needs Good Men?

1. Boys need good men. More and more children are growing up in single parent homes, generally headed by women. While single moms can make outstanding parents, it is, by definition, impossible for them to model godly manliness to their children.

2. Women need good men. Ever since Adam let Eve down by not intervening when she was tempted in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:6), women have longed for good men in society.

3. The church needs good men. Have you ever noticed the imbalance of women versus men in most churches? How can men become the spiritual leaders they are called to be when week after week many churches are filled predominantly by women?

What IS a Good Man?

Pastor and former Green Beret Stu Weber wrote an excellent book on this subject called Tender Warrior. A man is tender, not insensitive or void of compassion. A man is also a warrior, willing and able to fight for what is right, but not abusing his aggressive capabilities. Jesus was, (and upon his return will be), the perfect illustration of a tender warrior.

What is a R.E.A.L. Man?

During the month of June, Family Matters will be dedicated to examining R.E.A.L. manhood. R.E.A.L. is an acronym used to describe “The Four Pillars of Manhood” as developed by Dave Wilson. Dave is the co-founder and lead pastor of Kensington Church in Michigan, chaplain for the Detroit Lions, and has a great handle of what God says about manhood. Each of the next four weeks will examine one of the pillars, but here’s an overview of R.E.A.L. Manhood:

1. Real men Resist Passivity.

2. Real men Engage with God.


4. Real men Lead Courageously.

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