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## Godly men aim to Glorify God

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“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God?” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

“Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.” (Psalm 73:25-26)

### Westminster Shorter Catechism Q1:

What is the chief end of man? Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

Q: What does it mean to glorify God?

Q: How do we glorify God?

- with our hearts
- with our lips
- with our lives

Q: Why should we glorify God?

Q: What present enjoyment of God can we have?

Q: What future enjoyment awaits us?

Q: What stops us from glorifying God and enjoying Him forever? Why?

Application: **Memorise Westminster Shorter Catechism Q1**

## EQUIP MEN (1)

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### Introduction

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#### What does it mean to be godly men?

“But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” (1 Timothy 6:11-12)

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.” (2 Timothy 2:2)

#### How do we learn to be godly men?

“Having nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” (1 Timothy 4:7)

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance... Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good.” (Titus 2:1-2, 6-7)

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## Behold THE Man

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### Tony Evans on the breakdown of manhood:

*“Most of the devolution of our contemporary culture can be traced directly to the brokenness of men today. Whether the issue is faithfulness, crime, poverty, or a myriad of other social ills; at the core is the failure of men to become what God has created them to be.”*

*“Unless there is a restoration of biblical manhood we can ill expect there to be restoration of an ordered society. Unless the church begins to take the lead in seriously prioritising men’s ministry and discipling this and the next generation of men, then we are doomed to see the further decay of our society. If the saga of a nation is the saga of its families written large, then the saga of a family is the saga of its men written large.”*

Q: Do you think he is right in his assessment?

Q: How is biblical manhood being undermined by our culture today?

### Kevin Swanson on man-types to avoid:

A list of man-types for us avoid.

- Macho man
- Metrosexual man
- Angry man
- Pornosexual man
- Sportosexual man
- Milquetoast man
- Escapist man
- Workaholic man

Q: Describe each of the above man-types.

### Doug Wilson’s definition of masculinity grounded in Scripture:

*“Men are created to exercise dominion over the earth; they are fitted to be husbandman, tilling the earth; they are equipped to be saviors, delivering from evil; they are expected to grow up into wisdom, becoming sages; and they are designed to reflect the image and glory of God. Some of these following terms may seem somewhat cumbersome, but let’s call them lords, husbandmen, saviors, sages, and glory-bearers.”*

Lords: *“Man was created to exercise dominion in the earth.”* (Genesis 1:26-28). They should be adventurous and visionary.

Husbandmen: *“Man was created, not only to discover and conquer new worlds, but also to make those worlds flourish.”* (Genesis 2:15). They should be patient, careful, and hardworking.

Saviors: *“Men who follow Jesus Christ, the dragon-slayer, must themselves become lesser dragon-slayers.”* (Genesis 3:15). They should be strong, sacrificial, courageous, and good; to hate evil and to have a deep desire to fight it.

Sages: *“A man who is great in wisdom, and wisdom in Scripture is personified as a great lady. Sons are exhorted constantly to listen to her.”* (Proverbs 1-9). They should be teachable, studious, and thoughtful.

Glory-bearers: *“Men are the glory of God.”* (1 Corinthians 11:7). They should be representative, responsible and holy.

Q: What do you think of this description of what it means to be a man? Do you agree with him?

### David Murray on the perfect man:

*“Christ perfectly combined strength AND gentleness, truth AND kindness, love for justice AND love for people, holiness AND compassion, determination AND patience, rebuking power AND caring for the powerless...”*

*The beauty of Christ is found in his perfect balance of seemingly opposite virtues. He exercised and demonstrated both sets of these virtues at the right time and in the right mix and to the right degree.”*