



Week 5 | Lack of Masculine Vision

Foundational Passage: Proverbs 29:18

“Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.”

The Big Idea:

Transformed Men reject _____ cultural visions of masculinity and _____ God’s vision for manhood through His Word and in His Son.

The Big Truth:

Every man is living some vision of _____.

The Big Question:

What vision am I living?

- The question is, “What is my vision and where did my vision of manhood come from?”
 - Did it come from Scripture or culture?
 - Did it come from God’s revelation or my own instincts?
 - Did it come from Godly wisdom or Human ideas?
 - Did it come from the Bible or an algorithm?
 - Did it come from Jesus or the world?

The Big Goal:

The goal is to recover a vision of manhood shaped by God’s Word and revealed most clearly in God’s Son.



I. DISTORTED MASCULINE VISION

Distorted masculine vision is a _____ or _____ view of masculinity that develops when men are shaped more by sin and culture than by God's Word.

II. THREE DISTORTED VISIONS OF MANHOOD

1. The _____ vision: this vision is that a man is to be a man of power. When he walks into the room, he's the alpha, he's in charge, and he commands the respect of others.
2. The _____ vision: this vision is that a man is to amass wealth. That a man who has more resources than others, can do more than others, experience more than others, that's a real man.



3. The _____ vision: this vision is that a man can attract beautiful women. That a man has the confidence, physical traits, and charm to be desired by the opposite sex.

III. A BIBLICAL VISION FOR MASCULINITY

1. Jesus loved _____ – John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

2. Jesus took _____ – John 17:4

I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.

3. Jesus served _____ – Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

4. Jesus focused _____ – John 17:5, 11a, 13

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. [11] And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, **and I am coming to you.** [13] **But now I am coming to you,** and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves

A TRANSFORMED MAN

- Loves sacrificially
- Takes responsibility
- Serves faithfully
- Focused eternally

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IV. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What distorted vision of masculinity did you see modeled as a child? Where did that masculine vision come from? What distorted vision have you battled in life?
2. Which distorted narrative do you think is most influential on men around you right now? Why?
3. What would it look like to pursue a Christlike manhood vision in the different areas of life: marriage, parenting, work/career, ministry/kingdom, legacy, etc.?

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4. How can the group pray for you this week?



V. HOMEWORK

Memorize Proverbs 29:18 (ESV).

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