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ACT LIKE MEN

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*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; **be courageous;** be strong. 14 Do everything in love. 15 You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people.*

...18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition.



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NT Greek word for “*act like men*” means,
“To be courageous, make a man of, or
make brave, to show oneself a man, be
brave”



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- Statistics about men reveal disturbing facts.
- However, when we look at statistics more than getting to know people, we make the serious error of judging a book by a cover that doesn't even exist.



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Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.



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How Do Men/Fathers Act?

You can only answer that question from two perspectives:

1. Jesus and God's Word
2. Personal Experience

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Genesis 1:26

*Then God said, "Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, overall the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them*



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1. Be on the alert: Pay attention to God, to your own behavior, to your family, and to others.

2. Stand firm in the faith: Be a believer in God, not a doubter. Be faithful to Christ and to the Word of God

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3. Be strong: When challenged to quit or morally compromise, continue and persevere, trusting in God.

4. Let all you do be done in love: Always remember that love is more than words, love is deeds. Providing for and protecting loved ones is a great act of love.

5. Refresh others: Know that others grow weary and need help and encouragement



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A mindset is not something that we were born with. It is something we learn from our father, our mother (and their relationship together), education, culture, and from others who helped to raise us.

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There's not a single description for a man or a father that will fit every person. Some common keys:

- Acts of Service
- Quality Time
- Words of Affirmation
- Providing and Protecting
- Listening and Communicating
- Support, Encouragement, Correction

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- Good men are already motivated to do the right thing, even against all odds or when support is lacking.
- What blesses men and fathers is **honor**.
- The NT Greek word for *honor* means “***a valuing.***”
- “Dishonor” means to treat as common or ordinary, to not show respect or value.



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Even Jesus had to deal with a lack of honor, **but that did prevent him** from doing what God called him to do:

Mark 6:4, *Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family."*



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How does honor affect our identity and blessings in life? Jesus' power was limited by a lack of honor.

Mark 6:5, “Now ***he could do no mighty work there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.***”



Boys have to be told what to do.

Men know what to do.

Boys need to be enticed by words and rewards.

Men only need to know what needs to be done.

Boys learn to become **Men**



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"My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me." ~ Jim Valvano

Happy Father's Day!