

# Restoring Godly Manhood

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*“When I was a child, I used to speak like a child,  
think like a child, reason like a child;  
when I became a man,  
I did away with childish things.”*

1 Corinthians 13:11

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## **RESTORATION OF GODLY MANHOOD As Part of Creating a Culture of Holiness**

### ***A Culture of Holiness is Found in God's Word.***

Part of “Restoring Eden” is restoring the brokenness in men that originated with the fall in Eden. Adam did not take responsibility for letting the snake in the garden. He was the guard-ener. He was the head. Yet when God confronted him about eating from the Tree of Knowledge, the Tree of good and evil, Adam said, “well, it’s the woman you gave me.”

In addition, Adam chose to eat of the forbidden fruit. He could have refused when Eve offered it to him. Again, he did not take responsibility for his own free will choice and decision. Everything changed in that moment. The enmity between man and woman began with those fateful choices and actions. To restore godly manhood is to begin the dissolution of enmity between man and woman, as the foundation for a culture of holiness.

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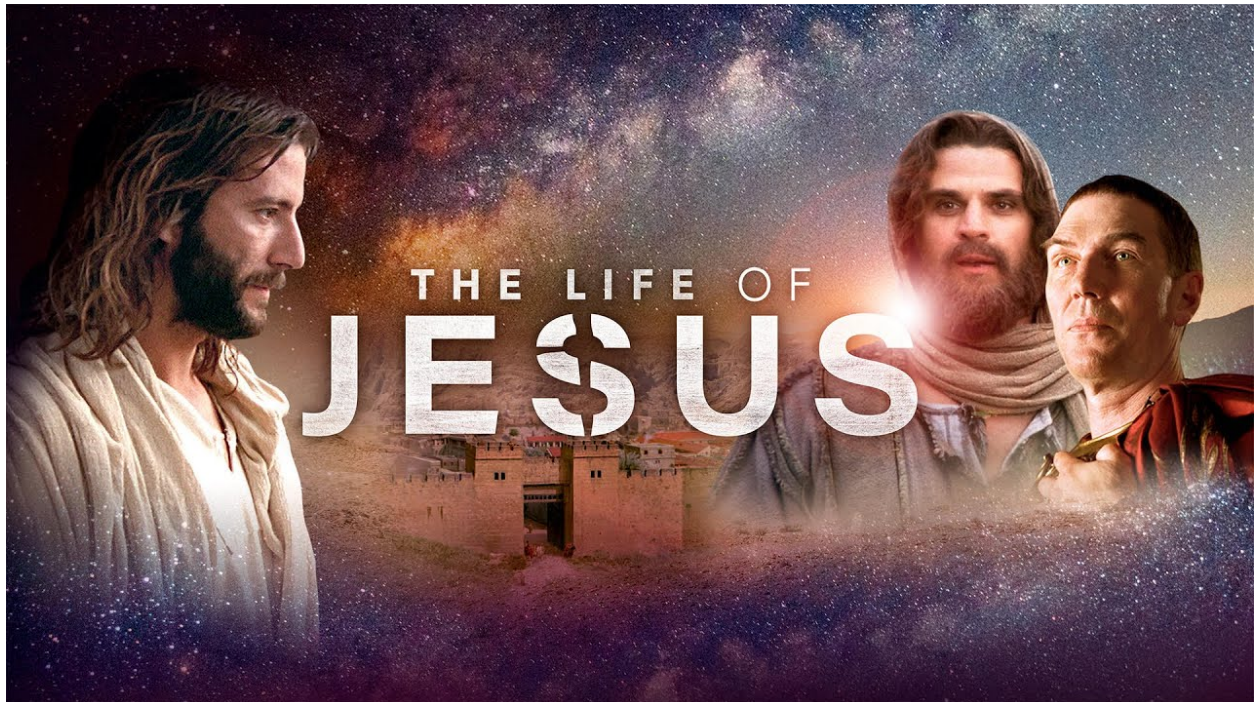
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**READ:** 1 Timothy Chapter 3, Ephesians Chapter 4, Proverbs 16

**READ for Healing:** John Chapters 14 thru 17, Psalm 103

**Listen to for Healing:** Gospel of John movie, minute markers 2:00 (2 hours, 0 minutes) to 2:19

Jesus speaking Chapters 14 thru 17. Play repeatedly for healing.



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## OUR FOCUS IN 2024: WE ARE INTERCEDING FOR RESTORATION

### Keys to Restoring Eden:

- ◆ Restoring what was lost or damaged in the Garden of Eden with the fall of man and woman.
- ◆ Applying the New Covenant as the antidote to what was lost with the fall.
- ◆ Finding and proclaiming from the New Covenant the counter to everything that was lost or damaged in the fall in Eden.
- ◆ Finding and applying through proclamation God's promises for restoration: His love, mercy and grace.
- ◆ Remember: ***God's Word Provides a Roadmap for Creating a Culture of Holiness.***

### ***Coming Before Lord God Adonai***

- ◆ Dear Lord God Heavenly Father, as Intercessors standing in the gap for our beloved America, we come before You to petition for restoration of godly manhood, that we shall have a nation of men walking in the virtues that Christ Jesus embodied as the New Adam, a restoration of what was damaged in man through the first Adam.
- ◆ We come before You interceding for our nation, and ask You to heal the heart and soul of men across our nation, to heal the heart and soul of Your sons, brothers in Christ Jesus, to convict them to step up to a higher walk, deeper virtues, more noble character, as Jesus Yeshua modeled and exhorted to His disciples and to the world.
- ◆ Godly men are the foundation of a godly nation and a culture of holiness. Godly men are needed as morally righteous leaders in every sector of society. Godly men will commit to godly marriages and raise

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godly children. We need godly men LORD God. We petition you to pour out your grace, mercy and compassion to the men of our nation to convict them and inspire them to walk in the fullness of Christ Jesus.

### ***Heal Your Sons***

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we petition you for the healing of Your sons, brothers in Christ Jesus. We pray that all the sources and causes of their pain and anger, frustration and hurt, insecurities and fears be healed now by the healing heart of Jesus, with the sacred blood of Jesus. We pray for their deliverance from family-familiar spirits that have caused torment and inherited iniquities, character weaknesses and vices. We pray and petition for deliverance from generational abuse, molestation and torment.
- ◆ Convict and guide them LORD God, to seek out and receive their healing and deliverance from generational curses and collective societal torments. Help them to overcome the overwhelming influences of this carnal fallen world. We pray Psalm 103:3-5 over them: Bless them O LORD God, *pardon all their iniquities, heal their diseases; redeem their lives from the pit, crown them with lovingkindness and compassion; satisfy their years with good things, so that their youth is renewed like the eagle.*
- ◆ Father God, let your sons cry out Your Word in Jeremiah 17:14: "*Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are my praise.*"

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## ***Walking in the Fullness of Christ***

- ◆ Heavenly Father, Your son Paul the saint and apostle, outlined the character of a godly man walking in the fullness of Christ Jesus. Through Your grace and love, touch the hearts of Your sons, those who are called according to Your purposes, to restore godly manhood, as Christ Jesus modeled for them.
  - ◆ Convict, inspire and guide the men of our nation to *“walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which they have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”*, according to Ephesians 4:1-3.
  - ◆ We pray that Your sons will be convicted to acts of selfless service, allotting a portion of their time and schedule for supporting others in Your kingdom, according to the gifts and talents You have given them. As Your Word in Ephesians 4:12 says: *“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”* Move their hearts, Lord God, to take some of the time they expend on personal enjoyment and give it to proactively offering fellowship, help and support to their brothers in Christ.
  - ◆ We pray that they will be convicted to devote time and energy to *“attaining unity of the faith, sharing with others the knowledge of the Son of God, as a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ”*, according to Ephesians 4:13. Break off the spirits of selfishness and laziness that keep Your sons from reaching out to their fellow brothers in Christ to build up one another in Christ.
  - ◆ As a result LORD God, convict, guide and help Your sons to *“no longer be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried*

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*about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming,”* according to Ephesians 4:14. Give them firmness and clarity of mind. Help them to overcome addictions, habits and attachments to technology, media, social media and its apps, daily news and information overload; things that cause them to be tossed by waves rather than anchored to You and therefore able to hear more clearly from Your Holy Spirit, YOUR news and information rather than the enemy’s constant barrage of negativity and programming.

- ◆ Father God, give Your sons temperance and a godly, loving heart to *always speak the truth in love, grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,* according to Ephesians 4:15. Convict them Lord God, that taking time to think things through, wait until the heat of anger has subsided before speaking, to speak from love not ego needing to be right, is part of godly manhood.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, help Your men to support one another as spiritual brothers, giving moral and spiritual support unselfishly, to *see one another as part of a whole body of Christ Jesus, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, to help one another in the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love,* the love that Christ Jesus demonstrated to His own apostles, according to Ephesians 4:16. Father God, convict Your men to let go of the habits of selfishness and self-serving; to avail themselves to their brothers in Christ for support, including just being a sound board to someone who needs to be heard.

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- ◆ LORD God, help Your men, according to Ephesians 4:17-18, to *“no longer walk in the futility of their own mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.”* Heal them of the causes of hardness in their own heart. Heal them of their unhealthy competitiveness with other men. Heal them of envy, jealousy and resentments that keep them from proactively supporting one another. Convict them that they do not have to be in a formal position in a church or ministry to offer moral support and spiritual guidance to one another. This should be a natural part of the communion of saints, according to Ephesians 4:12: *“for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”*
- ◆ LORD God and Christ Jesus, heal our men of their callousness, which can show up in subtle ways including selfishness, stinginess, willfulness and pridefulness. Heal them of all the ways they *“have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness,”* according to Ephesians 4:19. For we know LORD God that impurity can take many forms and be very subtle and wily in its ways. Heal Your sons of their impurity of habits, speech, where and how they spend their time and money and where they do not.
- ◆ Father God, convict Your men to lay aside falsehood, speak truth to his neighbor, remembering and seeing other men in Christ as members of one another, according to Ephesians 4:25. Convict them to repentance for all the ways they habituate to and live in falsehoods — falsehoods about their work, their income and finances, their lifestyle, their family life, their spiritual life; including falsehoods they tell themselves and even You LORD God.

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- ◆ LORD God, help Your men to learn how to process and express their anger in healthy and constructive ways, rather than destructive and relationally damaging ways. As Ephesians 4:26-27 exhorts: *"Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity."* Help them Father God, to release offenses and anger, self-examine and take personal responsibility where and when it is called for, and to express their feelings in constructive ways rather than just the bludgeon of anger.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, help and convict Your sons to not steal, according to Ephesians 4:28; *"But rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need."* Certainly LORD God, there are many subtle and covert ways someone can steal, including stealing time; stealing opportunities by not sharing when and what You want them to share with others; stealing by withholding information, tips and other things that would benefit another; stealing by lack of insufficient giving through charity, alms and tithing.
- ◆ Heavenly Father, convict and help Your men to purify and sanctify their speech, that *"no unwholesome word proceeds from their mouths, but only such a word as is good for edification (building others up in a positive manner in Christ Jesus), according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear,"* according to Ephesians 4:29.
- ◆ Holy Father, help Your sons to *"let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from them, along with all malice. Convict them to be kind to one another, tender-hearted,*



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*forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven them”, according to Ephesians 4:31-32. James 1:19-20 says: “Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”*

- ◆ Lastly Father God, convict Your sons to “*not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom they were sealed for the day of redemption*”, according to Ephesians 4:30. Convict them to not take for granted the existence of, the availability to them, the graces provided by and through the Holy Spirit. Enlighten them as to all the ways that the Holy Spirit is grieved and convict them to determine not to do so, but to honor Him and cultivate a genuinely intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

### ***Virtues of Godly Manhood***

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we petition Your mercy support and guidance for Your sons to possess the virtues laid out in Proverbs Chapter 16.
- ◆ ***Clean Motives.*** May their ways be clean in their own sight, may their motives be pure and may they commit all their works to You Lord God, that your plans will be established through them. 16:2-3
- ◆ ***Lovingkindness.*** May their hearts be receptive soil to grow the seeds of lovingkindness, a most supreme virtue; for in *lovingkindness and truth, iniquity is atoned for, and by the fear of the Lord one keeps away from evil. When a man’s ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*” We pray Your sons cultivate this inner peace. 16:6-7
- ◆ ***Prudence.*** May they realize the priority of righteousness and right values over more money. May they trust that even if they have to

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sacrifice more financial and material benefit, You will provide all they need by committing to righteousness. *“Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice.”* 16:8

- ◆ ***Humility.*** May they stay vigilant in bringing their ego to heel, forgoing the need for getting credit, having attention, being lauded; instead that they let You God bring attention to their deeds. For surely, *“pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.”* 16:18-19
- ◆ ***Trust in the LORD.*** May they truly trust in YOU in all they do, in all their work and works, in every area of their lives; rather than *“relying on their own understanding”*, rather than their own cleverness. Surely *“he who gives attention to the word will find good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord. The wise in heart will be called understanding, and sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness.”* 16: 20-21

### ***Virtues of Lord Jesus***

- ◆ We pray, Lord God, that Your sons, brothers in Christ Jesus, will *“keep increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men”*, as Jesus did in Luke 2:52.
- ◆ We pray that Your sons will be convicted to choose to be one with Your will, as their brother Jesus Christ has modeled. *“I only do the will of my Father in Heaven.”*
- ◆ We petition Your sons to receive the promises of 2 Peter 1:3-4 that says: *“His divine power has granted to them everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called them by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to them His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them they may become*

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*partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”*

### Sealing Prayer:

*“Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.  
I said to the Lord,  
‘You are my Lord; I have no good besides You.’  
The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup;  
You support my lot.  
The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places;  
Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.  
I will bless the Lord who has counseled me;  
Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night.  
I have set the Lord continually before me;  
Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.  
Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices;  
My flesh also will dwell securely.  
For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol;  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.  
You will make known to me the path of life;  
In Your presence is fullness of joy;  
In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.”*

Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11

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