



A Man's Man  
Philippians 2:19-30

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Being a male is a matter of your **birth** but being a man is a matter of **choice**.

I. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A MAN'S MAN?

A. A Man's Man puts **relationships** before self. (Philippians 2:20-21)

1. A man's greatness is not determined by the relationship of his wealth but by the wealth of his **relationships**.
2. *Philippians 2:20-21 "For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will **genuinely** be concerned for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For they **all** seek after their **own interests**, not those of Christ Jesus."*
3. Philippians 2:21 (Phillips translation) *"They are all wrapped up in their own interests."*
4. Stop depending upon possessions and accomplishments to define your **success**.  
  
*Luke 12:15 "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."*
5. Start defining real manhood to include being responsible in our relationships with others.

B. A Man's Man operates his life with **character** instead of expediency. (Philippians 2:22)

1. *Philippians 2:22* "But you know of his **proven** worth..."
2. *Proverbs 22:1* "A good name is to be more desired than great riches, Favor is better than silver and gold."
3. *Proverbs 16:8* "Better is a little with righteousness than great income with injustice."
4. Our character is who we are on the **inside** when no one else is watching. Our character is what protects our reputation, what protects our family, what brings honor from our spouse and our children. Our character is the positive thing that people will **remember us** by long after we are gone.
5. *Proverbs 20:7* "It is a wonderful heritage to have an **honest** father."

C. A Man's Man makes **commitments** and keeps them. (Philippians 2:25-30)

1. The proof that a male is a man is when that male takes on man-sized **responsibilities** with excellence.
2. If we're committed to nothing it really means that we **value** nothing.
3. *2 Chronicles 16:9* "The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to show Himself strong in those whose hearts are fully committed to him."
4. *Mark 8:35* "Only those who give away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live."

*The Action Steps I Will Take This Week Are...*

1. I choose to put other relationships ahead of my own self-interest.
2. I choose to be a person of character instead of expediency.
3. I choose to be a person who follows through with my commitments to God and others.
4. As a man, I will strive to walk with God and to be the spiritual leader of my family.

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