

GOD'S MODEL FOR MANHOOD

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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.

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Timothy - Paul's successor

- Came from Lystra
- A rich spiritual heritage
- His ministry with Paul

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Epaphroditus

- A member of the church at Philippi
- Journeyed from Philippi to Rome to help Paul
- "...hold men like him in highest honor." Philippians 2:29

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Value #1 – Compassion
God is looking for men who put
people before profits.

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Value #2 – Consistency
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Value #3 – Cooperation
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- We are in a fight

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“The story of your life is the story of one long brutal assault on your heart by one who knows what you could become and fears it.”

Brennan Manning

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Value #4 – Commitment
God is looking for men who put
the cause of Christ before
comfort.

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For he longs for all of you and is
distressed because you heard he
was ill. Indeed he was ill, and
almost died. But God had mercy on
him, and not on him only but also
on me, to spare me sorrow upon
sorrow.

Philippians 2:26-27

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Value #5 – Courage
God is looking for men who put
service before security.

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Only one life and soon it is past.
Only what's done for Christ will last.

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