

Y.R.P. – The Difference Between Men & Males

“Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” – I Corinthians 16:13-14

Five years ago, I read a book on biblical manhood entitled *Kingdom Man* by Dr. Tony Evans. In the book, Dr. Evans goes into great detail to show how important it is for men to understand who they are in Christ. The biblical definition of a man is one who has learned to operate under the authority of Jesus, while carrying out responsible and legitimate leadership within the spheres of influence where God has placed him. When a man follows the biblical principles of manhood, those around him benefit from his leadership and care.

One standout quote from the book that really spoke to me was:

“Many men are out of alignment with God because they have gotten their definition of manhood from illegitimate, inadequate or errant sources, including the media, male influencers in their life, the home they grew up in or even music. A Kingdom Man intentionally aligns his life, choices, thoughts and actions under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.”

Dr. Evans goes on to describe how most men define manhood:

Passive Man: A male who is unable or unwilling to take the leadership role that God has assigned him to have.

Domineering Man: A male who thinks manhood is measured by his ability to emotionally and/or physically force compliance to his demands.

Sexual Man: A male who measures his manhood by the amount of women he can conquer.

Corporate Man: A male who defines his manhood by the amount of time he invests in his career and/or by the amount of money he can accrue.

Irresponsible Man: A male who refuses to provide properly for the well-being of those under his care.

Hedonistic Man: A male who lives for self-gratifying pleasure at the expense of those around him.

Gentlemen, our world is *CRYING OUT* for men to live in accordance with God’s standards. Let’s live differently by embodying verses like I Corinthians 16:13-14.

P2R (Point 2 Remember): Just because you are biologically male doesn’t mean that you are biblically a man.