



MEN IN THE CHURCH – 1 CORINTHIANS 16:12-14

GETTING STARTED

Happy Father's Day! Fathers have a large calling in the church, to raise up the next generation of men to know and love the Lord. And while that is a high calling, we also need to ask the question what does that look like? What does it mean to be a man of faith? Our culture has many different definitions about what manhood should look like from the overly macho, violent kind of man to the overly passive, ineffective version of manhood. And the Bible clearly doesn't affirm either side of that dichotomy. The picture of masculinity that men are called to imitate, and raise sons to be like, is ultimately found in Jesus. A man who at times would pick up a whip to clear the temple, and weep at the graveside of his friend. Who treated women with utmost respect and care and would lay down his life for us. Ultimately the kind of men that the church needs are ones who look and act like Jesus.

READ THE TEXT: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:12-14

¹²Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity. ¹³Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ¹⁴Let all that you do be done in love.

Extra Verses for Study: Genesis 1:26-27, 1 Timothy 2:7, Joshua 1:9, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 1 Peter 5:8, 1 John 4:10-11



UNDERSTAND THE TEXT

1. Consider the context of the book of 1 Corinthians and why Paul wrote this book, how does this help us understand his final words to them?
2. What are the four commands that he gives to the church in this passage? How are all Christians called to do these things? How do they particularly relate to men?

APPLY THE TEXT

3. What kinds of cultural stereotypes of men do you see and which one are most influenced by?
4. What kind of man was Jesus and how would you describe him? Which of the 4 ways to “act like a man” from today’s passage do you most need to put into practice?

SHARE & PRAY

1. As we discuss the role of the church as a family, how can we practically show the love of God to others in our church this week?
2. As we demonstrate God’s love in our church, how can we show that love to others outside of the church?

