



Kingdom Warrior

A Biblical Blueprint for Men



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SLIDE #1 KINGDOM WARRIOR

Before we start, a very short survey ...

- We live in a broken and increasingly ungodly world
 - God is marginalized
 - Families are broken
 - Selfishness is on the rise
 - Our country is in trouble
- How many in here today believe that?
- How many want to do something about it?
- God has ALWAYS looked to men to do his good work
- **BUT he must first find WILLING & GODLY men**
- AND here is where the difficulty begins ...



- 1) Men cause trouble
- 2) Men are in trouble
- 3) It's not God's design

SLIDE #2 MEN AND TROUBLE

Men are CAUSING trouble:

- Men commit nearly 80% of all violent crime in the US
- Men commit nearly 90% of all murder in the US
- Men commit the majority of property crimes in US (62%)¹
- 33% of all children (24.7 million) live in a home without their birth father (U.S. Census Bureau).
- The percentage of a rapist with rage that came from a fatherless home 80% (National Institute of Justice)
- 39% of inmates housed in jail are from homes with an absent father (U.S Dept of Justice, 2002)
- 71% of all high-school dropouts are from a fatherless household (National Center for Education Statistics)

And men are IN trouble:

- Men are 3x more likely to develop alcoholism than women²
- 20% WILL develop alcohol dependency in their lifetime
- 77% of men suffer from anxiety, stress or depression
- BUT 40% of men won't talk to anyone about mental health

- Men are 4x more likely to commit suicide than women³

NONE OF THIS IS GODS DESIGN FOR MEN

What's causing all of this pain?

We have a male identity crisis in America. Men don't know how to behave as men. Most young men are learning standards of male behavior from video games, TV sitcoms, the movies or social media. It's a terrible standard to look to, because men in the media, especially "dads," are portrayed as cartoon character losers with no backbone, no drive, no brain and no skills.

Common male depictions in media:

- Men are clueless idiots
- Men are subservient to the world
- Men are useless within the family
- Men are reactive and have no self-control
- Men are unaware of God

Hanna Rosin (a liberal writer for the Atlantic) said about typical dads depicted on television, "You put a dad in front of his kid, and the dad gives the worst advice. You put a dad in front of a toaster and he burns the house down."⁴

The sad truth is that there is plenty actual bad behavior that the media completely ignores, In reality:

- Men are not home as much as they should be or they are not present at all leaving a vacuum of leadership and love
- Men are taking care of family financially, but not leading their family as the spiritual father of the home.
- Men are not protecting their family from the world but rather exposing and encouraging participation in it.

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The devil says we can't
but ...
The devil is a a liar

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SLIDE #3 THE DEVIL IS A LIAR

Why is Satan going after men? What biblical role do they play that's so important, they must be portrayed as stupid, worldly, passive, reactive and ungodly? I would offer that the evil one is always selling a lie. When you want to find the answer, look in the opposite direction of Satan's lies.

In opposition to the lies, we discover that God must want men to have wisdom, to be separate from the world, to provide for their family, to control their tempers and passions, and to have a relationship with their Creator.

But ... the devil is a liar.

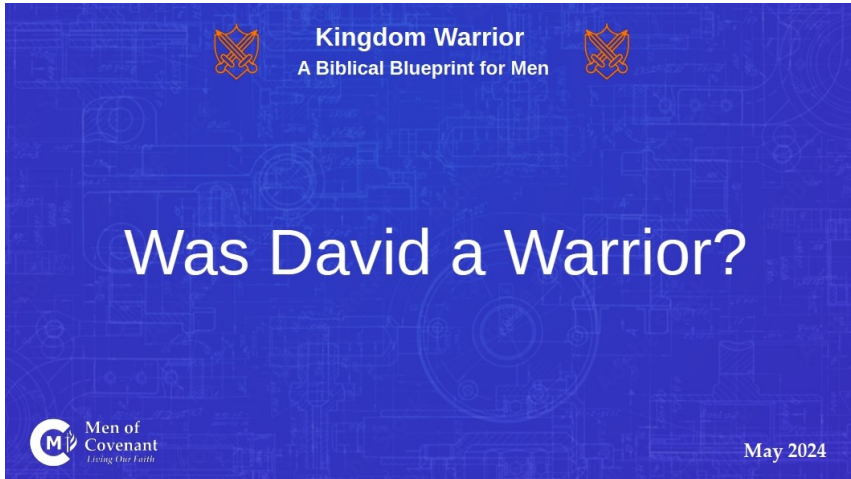
- He's told us that we have all the strength we need to lead our lives in our own flesh. We really don't need God.

- He's told us that other men are just competition, not brothers in the Lord meant for edification and spiritual growth.
- He's told us that it's OK to "look with lust" at other women, instead of focusing our love and attention on our wives as the perfect partner given to us from God.
- He's told us that the world around us should drive the family culture and agenda, because men simply are not wise enough to lead our families and children.

All lies, all because the truth of the matter is Men of God, are powerful, unstoppable forces for the Kingdom of God.

So what does the phrase "Be a Man" ... even mean? For the Christian, the definition of a man MUST come from the Bible. We look to God's word for guidance on what a man should be, what a man should do, how a man should act, think and behave.

Here we find that the great men of the bible are almost exactly OPPOSITE OF what is depicted in Hollywood – go figure.



SLIDE #4 WAS DAVID A WARRIOR?

We could pick from any number of men in the bible who are defined as “warriors”. Let’s look at one we all know and love. The story of David and Goliath. We love this story because our human brains perceive this as a story of the underdog winning. We read this story and celebrate the little guy coming out on top. We love the fact that despite impossible odds, David triumphs over his aggressor. But when we look closer, we see that all of that stuff is NOT really the story that God is sharing with us. Let’s read:

1 Samuel 17:14-15

David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

David was “the youngest, a shepherd”

SOUND LIKE THE DEFINITION OF A WARRIOR?

1 Samuel 17:33

Saul replied, 'You are **not able to go out against this Philistine** and fight him; you are **only a young man**, and he has been a warrior from his youth.'

David was considered “not able, and just too young”
SOUND LIKE THE DEFINITION OF A WARRIOR?

1 Samuel 17:43

He said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you **come at me with sticks?**

David was thought as “a joke” to Goliath.

SOUND LIKE THE DEFINITION OF A WARRIOR?

1 Samuel 17:51

David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.

Yes, ABSOLUTELY - David was a warrior.

Just how does a young, skinny joke of a shepherd boy become a warrior?

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+ It's NOT
+ It IS
+ You CAN

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SLIDE #5 ITS NOT, IT IS AND YOU CAN

The book of Samuel and the story of David and Goliath, demonstrates 3 key points that relate to men of today becoming Kingdom Warriors:

1. It's NOT
2. It IS
3. You CAN

IT'S NOT

A warrior for God, is NOT about your physical strength, how tall you are, your skills, your chronological age, your athletic ability AND it's not the money in your bank account, your education, the car you drive or the house you live in. David had NONE of this to offer Saul.

IT IS

The power of the Holy Spirit within each man. God in Man. Man crediting God, giving the glory to God, proclaiming that it was God and not ME.

1 Samuel 17:45-47

David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you **in the name of the LORD** Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day **the LORD will deliver you into my hands**, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and **the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel**. All those gathered here will know that **it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's**, and he will give all of you into our hands.'

You see, David gave ALL of the credit to God. He fought the battle “in the name of the LORD” and said to Goliath “the LORD will deliver you into my hands.” He went on to tell him that the outcome would NOT be to David’s credit, but that the “whole world would know of Israel’s God”, and finally, he basically said “I’m not even fighting this battle” when he told Goliath, “for the battle is the LORD’S.”

YOU CAN

Because Jesus paid the price for our sin, that separated us from God, we can now have relationship with God. We can have God right inside us – the very same power that David wielded by faith, now lives inside EVERY Christian man.

Power that is ready to do damage to the powers of darkness. Power that can tear down evil strongholds. Power that can set captive sinners free. You see, Christian men of today ARE DESIGNED to be modern warriors. We ARE the David’s of today. We have the incredible righteousness of David, living right inside our hearts. We fight to conquer evil, to change the world around us and to protect and provide for our loved ones.

Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.



We are and have been in a battle since Adam and Eve sinned against God. It’s a brutal and bloody war, and Christian men are called to this battle. The battleground is spiritual and the destruction this evil wreaks is way too visible in our natural world. Disease, lack, pain, brokenness, suffering, divorce, rape, death, tears, sadness, lust, depression, anxiety, abortion, theft, sickness, murder, sexual immorality and pride are all the result of fallen and sinful people.

Christians are called to battle these evils and Christian men specifically are called to lead the way.



For the past 40 years or so, we've been brainwashed into believing we are not warriors. We've been told to just "wait it out" and to stay out of the fight. These are more lies from the devil himself, because when godly men sit idle – the war rages nonetheless and evil gains even more territory.

If you agree that Christian men should be warriors in the Kingdom of God, then be prepared for the reality of war. In warfare there MUST be confrontation. Pastor Artur Pawlowski said, "without confrontation, it's not warfare, it's a discussion." IN war, someone is the victor and someone the vanquished. We CAN'T be victorious if we are not even IN THE FIGHT. Our role as Christians is to first be willing to fight, then win the war we have already won spiritually in Christ (just read the last book of the bible)

I recently heard Eric Mataxes speak at a convention in Arizona. He was on stage talking to an interviewer about his book "Letter to the American Church." He puts it this way, "You were born for this moment and have been chosen by God to do your part. Your part may be the straw that breaks Satan's back."

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<u>Man 1</u>	<u>Man 2</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strive • Dominate • Independent • Achieve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quit • Run Away • Dependent • Given Up


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SLIDE #6 WARRIOR CHARACTERISTICS

But before you buy a bunch of weapons or hit the gym to tone up that warrior body, let's discover what the bible has to say about what it really means to be a Christian man engaged in spiritual warfare.

On the screen, we see two very different descriptions of a man. One of these men will struggle to be the man God wants them to be, the other is readying himself for a lifelong Christian battle. Who is most likely to succeed?

Man #1	Man #2
Strive Dominate Independent Achieve	Quit Run Away Dependent Given Up

Without context the choice is difficult, because we need to know a little more about the words listed under each man. Let me explain

why man #2 is the man who is ready to step into the fight. He's more prepared because he:

Has GIVEN UP striving for things of the world
Has become DEPENDENT on God for every single thing
Has STOPPED letting his temper control his tongue
Has GIVEN UP authority over his life to God's authority
Has STOPPED trying to live his plan for life and is living for God
Has RUN AWAY from sexual immorality and embraced purity
Has STOPPED trusting the world and now trusts God alone

So what is the first thing we need to do as Kingdom Warrior Men?

SIMPLE: Quit. Stop. Give up.

- Quit striving in your own power
- Stop trying to prove yourself to the world
- Give up authority over your life to God

Romans 8:7

The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

A man must first get his HEART right, so his MIND will then be aligned with God, before he can be a functioning and effective Kingdom Warrior. David's feat against impossible odds is easily recalled for WHAT he did, but the lesson for Kingdom Warriors is not what David accomplished but in HOW he did it. God himself won that battle, not David. David was under the authority, in the spirit and fighting from the power of God himself.

Brother Colley reminded me of a quote from the movie "Rudy" that highlights the moment of clarity that men need to take the very first step in becoming a Kingdom Warrior. In the scene, we see a desperate Rudy looking to Father Cavanaugh to perform a miracle to get him on the Notre Dame football team. Pay close attention to

what Father Cavanaugh says to Rudy. His answer is EVERY MANS answer to the start of becoming a man

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Father Cavanaugh said, “Son, in thirty-five years of religious study, I've come up with only two hard, incontrovertible facts; there is a God, and, I'm not Him.”

Like Rudy, we need to KNOW that we are not God. We need to be keenly aware that without being UNDER the authority of God and focused on the things OF God, a man can be a warrior, but he'll find himself right in the middle of the wrong war. He's more likely to be battling against himself than being an effective instrument of God.

In fact, as we will see a bit later, MOST of the requirements of being a Kingdom Warrior concern your relationship with God and your pursuit of holiness.



SLIDE #7 DIE NOW OR LATER

You can't be a warrior until you are a worshiper who is in relationship with Christ. The training move for the elite Christian Kingdom warrior is to hit his knees in repentance, submission and praise to the Lord. You can't go into battle until you are a humble, cross carrying servant of Christ. You **MUST** ask God to give you a heart that is meek, needy and wholly dependent on Him - only then can you claim the title of "Kingdom Warrior." Only then will you have the skills and the spirit needed to win battles.

We read in:

Romans 6:6

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

You simply cannot be a Kingdom Warrior until you die the very real "Christian death." This is the death of the "old self", crucified in spirit with Jesus Christ that Paul speaks of in Romans.

Here Paul describes the impact of that death, in that though we **MAY** sin, we are no longer slaves **TO** sin. This crucifixion, is a "death" to all worldly and sinful things of the flesh. All warriors for Christ **MUST** first die to the world and bury that "old man."

We read on in:

Ephesians 4:24

and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

And when we bury that "old man", in return we are given the very **POWER** of Gods Holy Spirit as manifested in the **NEW** Christian man.

I had the good fortune to meet Shane Winnings, the Promise Keepers CEO while at a church conference in Arizona. During his session on biblical masculinity he shared this comment on one of the key Promise Keeper missions, “We are teaching men to die now, so they won’t have to die later”

Each year, according to WHO, over 60 million people die. That’s 7,000 people an HOUR dying. Every hour, of every year you’ve been here on planet earth.

The subject of physical death is a great way to bring focus to the subject of biblical manhood. It starts with the biggest question any man could pose to himself.

Why am I here?

The answers generally falls into 2 big buckets:

1) NON-CHRISTIAN: I was born to work, seek pleasure, avoid pain and then die.

This answer can be boiled down to: “I have no idea” or “I don’t matter” or “What a complete waste.” Men living under this understanding can be: selfish, passive, lust filled, angry and ungoldly cowards.

Or ...

2) CHRISTIAN: I was born “on purpose, for a purpose.”

Like the above answer, living with this understanding changes how a man lives. He knows he’s here for a reason. A purpose with a God driven outcome that will have eternal impact.

When YOU die, and you WILL die (sooner than you think).

- Who will have been touched or made better because you lived?

- Who will have been improved or encouraged because you lived?
- Who will have been saved by the Gospel you shared with them?
- Who will have known the love of Christ because you lived here on earth?

Your impact, your legacy, the amount you “mattered” when you are gone can ONLY be measured in the ongoing ripples you’ve introduced into the larger lake of the living. Will your life send ripples outward? Will those ripples turn into God driven waves? Will they influence others for the Kingdom of God and betterment of all mankind? They can. They will and they do, if you ...

1. Live to glorify God
 - Be UNDER God
2. Execute Gods Plan for your life
 - Be WITH God

Do these 2 things and you WILL leave a God directed legacy. You WILL have mattered in the most profound way.

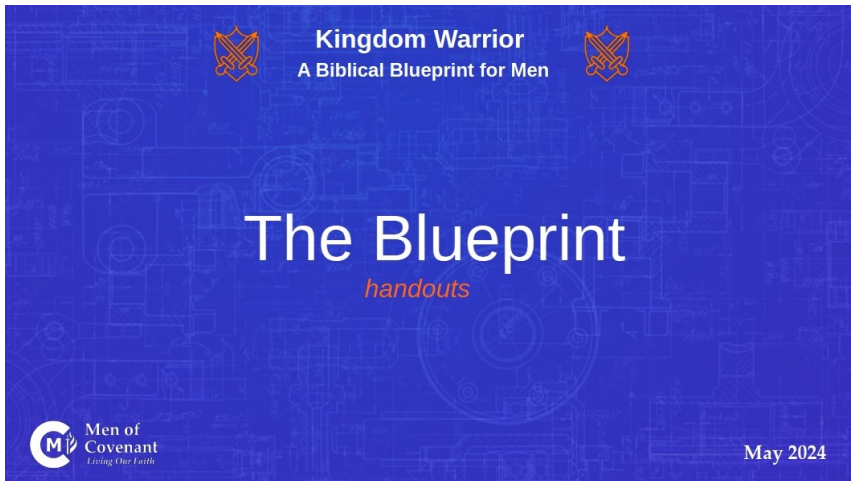
The bible says that men must move from the flesh they are born into, to the man of God they were intended to be. They must subdue their fleshly ego and move into a position of humility. They must resist the world’s message of spiritual passivity and step boldly into a man-of-God leadership role. They must leave the world behind, control their passions, their tongues, their eyes, their minds and instead be filled completely by the Holy Spirit. They must stop allowing the spirit of the age to infiltrate and invade their families through a spirit of vigilant protection.

How can such a flesh and blood man do this? How can men move from acting as a man of the world to being a man of God living for God? We need a blueprint.

Blueprint according to Webster, is “something or someone serving as a model or providing guidance.” In other words, it’s a thing we can observe or look to that provides a way of perfectly duplicating an original.

In our pursuit of the biblical definition of a “man.” We are trying to get to this very spot. Where is the blueprint of a man? Where in the bible does it demonstrate to us the characteristics of “manhood?” If we can find them, we can develop a Godly model of what being a man (of God) looks like. From there we build ourselves up using this very blueprint. In the end, we can be the men that God intended us to be.

Thankfully, the bible has plenty to say about this subject. If we were to take the content that speaks to the character of men and sort it, we find it fits into 7 key areas.



SLIDE #8 SHARE MATERIALS PAUSE

The small card you now hold in your hands is also displayed on the screen on the poster up here in stage



SLIDE #9 WARRIOR BLUEPRINT

A Man of God, Kingdom warrior has to:

1. Be under God
2. Be with God
3. Be Humble
4. Be In Control
5. Be a Provider
6. Be a Protector
7. Be a Leader

The first 4 blueprint areas are about **submission and control**

- Submission to God
- Relationship with God
- Humble in your demeanor
- Controlling of yourself and your flesh

James 4:7 NIV

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

The final 3 areas point to **assertiveness and action**

- Providing for yourself, family and others
- Protecting your family, the innocent and brothers in Christ
- Leading in your home, your church and Christian walk

You see, to be a man, a man of God, a real “man-of-the-bible,” Kingdom warrior, is to first hand over control to another. The first step in this process is SO OPPOSITE the character of the worldly man that it simply can’t happen without the help of the Holy Spirit. A Kingdom Warrior is first submissive to God and then takes control of his own flesh.

We don’t start IN our flesh, but instead, we give it all to God, build an ongoing relationship with him, leave our pride behind and pursue a holy life that pleases our maker. From that point, the last 3 parts of being a man of God, happen naturally. They are spirit driven changes in our behavior that will happen because our character has so changed they MUST happen. We will be a Godly provider, protector and leader, because we will want nothing else.

This 7 step blueprint sounds straightforward, right? Unfortunately, the pull of the world and flesh around us produces a different results. Let’s see how the world vs the Kingdom Warrior approach each.

#1 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE UNDER GOD

But a worldly man says ...

- I don’t need anybody but me. I got this
- I believe in God, but I don’t trust Him for everything

- I feel stressed, depressed, hopeless but I couldn't share that with anybody – I'll work it out on my own

A Kingdom Warrior “Under God”

Works with His Holy Spirit

- Submits to Him
- Repent of his sins
- Follows Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Listen, we submit to our bosses every day. How much more then should we submit to the One who created us? If you're wondering who your real boss is, don't look to your office or the guy that signs your paycheck – look up. The bible tells us that Christ is the head of every man. When a man decides to follow Christ, there is a job description and a set of expectations that come with that decision. The Holy Spirit will equip the Christian man to live as God intended and to follow the plan God has for his life.

#2 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE WITH GOD

But a worldly man says ...

- I'm a Christian believer in Jesus, so the porn I watch regularly is not a big deal
- Sure I yell at my wife occasionally, so what? Sometimes she just doesn't understand the stress I'm under.
- I go to church on Sundays, isn't that enough?

A Kingdom Warrior who's “With God”

- Builds a forever relationship with God
- Is following God's calling on his life
- Follows God in pursuit of Holiness
 - Has a regular prayer life and a rich church life

- Is in the brotherhood of a Mens group
- Is 100% dependent on God

Matthew 18:3

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus is NOT talking about kids here. He's talking directly to you and me about the subject of DEPENDENCE. His challenge to the early Christians is the same to us today. Children depend on their fathers and we should approach Jesus in the same way – he is the ultimate “father” and we align with His plans when we ask Him, share with Him, pray of Him for our every need.

#3 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE HUMBLE

But a worldly man says ...

- Check out my new car/house/boat/TV
- I'm the Vice President of Sales for the ABC Company
- I've done this, and I've done that ...

A “Humble” Kingdom Warrior

- Is submissive to others
- Repents when he sins
- Demonstrates he needs God and cannot go it alone
- Prays for and helps others

Philippians 2:3

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves

Why should you be humble? Because, as Father Cavanaugh said in the video “He's God and we're NOT!” He's also perfect, sovereign, holy and all powerful. Demons tremble at the mention of the name of Jesus and Angels worship at his feet.

When we are **prideful instead of humble**, Just who do we think we are?

Well, the Kingdom Warrior knows who he is in that same throne-room – he’s **NOBODY** without Jesus. The Kingdom Warrior is **FIRST** to hit his knees in humility before our most holy God. He’s humble because he knows the perfection of his Lord.

#4 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE IN CONTROL

But a worldly man says ...

- I never swear around my kids or on my job
- I only get drunk on the weekends
- Nobody but me knows I look at those pictures on the internet – I’m not hurting anyone

A Kingdom Warrior who’s “In Control”

- Shares his struggles within his Men’s group
- Lives the “new man” life Jesus paid for him to live
- Subdues HIS flesh: Sexual Immorality, Lust Anger and Pride

Controlling our flesh around lust is a daily battle for the Kingdom Warrior, but failing here is a fast lane to separation from God.

Here’s why - sexual sins use the same body the Holy Spirit lives in. Sexual impurity grieves the Holy Spirit. The reason it does so is that “It’s *not your body*”. Your body is not your own. Not my words, but straight from the word of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are **NOT** your own; you were bought **at a price**. Therefor honor God with your bodies.

#5 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE A PROVIDER

But a worldly man says ...

- My time is mine, I never miss my Saturday golf game
- They don't pay me enough, I work just enough to "get by"
- Let somebody else give to the needy, I work for my money

A Kingdom Warrior "Provider"

- Works for his blessings
- Does his job while reflecting Christ to others
- Loves and cares for those in need

1 John 3:17

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

A Kingdom Warrior gives cheerfully out of the abundant blessings HE has received from God, because he knows he owns nothing and earns nothing apart from God

#6 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE A PROTECTOR

But a worldly man says ...

- All the other girls my daughters age are dating, so why not?
- These "R" rated movies in our home are only for us adults, we would never let our children watch them
- I'd like to tell my kids "no" but I'm afraid they won't like me
- I'll just call the cops when needed, besides, I keep my doors locked at night.

Psalms 82:4

Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

A Kingdom Warrior “Protector”

- Protects EVERYTHING, not just against physical violence
- HOME:
 - Oversees home entertainment:: TV, books, video games
 - Sets/enforces standards on children's purity and holiness
 - Dating, Entertainment, Media Access, etc.
- WORLD:
 - Sees the Riley Gaines moments and reacts with righteous anger (does something)
 - Is unashamed to share Christian commentary on Social media – always done in truth and love
 - Owns the outcomes of his kids education
 - Private or public schools doesn't matter
- NOW, Let's talk about protection from VIOLENCE:

Look, I love guns, and YES, because firearms level the playing field between the wolves and the sheep, I recommend you get one. It's easy to buy a gun and teach yourself how to safely store it and use it effectively when needed ...

BUT ...

A Kingdom Warrior never forgets that going to HELL is way worse than simply dying. AND I promise you that the hardest thing to do on this list as a PROTECTOR is to keep the worldly culture out of you home and away from your kids. Protecting yourself and your family from the Spirit of the Age, and a culture of evil is MORE important that protecting them from physical violence. Protection at this level is executed in subtle ways. Instead of being your child's “friend”, you make the right call to stop them from going to an inappropriate movie. You'll pay an immediate price in the emotional

drama that follows, but the Kingdom Warrior is willing to suffer that pain for benefits that pay later, but pay forever.

I recently watched a movie that in one short scene, summed up the role of a man as a protector. It was a faith based movie called “Legacy Peak” and it tells the story of Jason, a bush pilot bringing his fiancée’s 2 children in his small airplane on a visit to Grandpa’s cabin in the mountains for Christmas. The plane crashes and Jason guides the kids through the wilderness mountain country. They are pursued by wolves along the way and when nearly at the cabin are almost killed by them. Grandpa knew something was wrong and started off in their direction. He arrived just in time to see Jason holding off the wolves using a stick and his bare hands. Grandpa tosses Jason a rifle and with the “problem solved” that scene ends.

A few minutes later, Jason is leaning against a tree thinking of the plane crash and the trauma he just put the kids through. Out loud, he questions his ability to be a father, a husband to Grandpa’s daughter and a protector of those kids. Grandpa sits down next to him and says what may be the best advice for any man:

Grandpa says, “Listen Son, a father stands in the gap, kids on one side, wolves on the other. He says, whatever comes, nothing gets those kids. He doesn’t have to win, he just has to stand there. Give his life if that’s what it comes to.”

You see, Kingdom Warriors are no different. As men and fathers, we stand in the gap between the wolves of OUR DAY and families and friends we love. To quote grandpa “whatever comes, nothing gets to them.”

#7 - BLUEPRINT SAYS: BE A LEADER

But a worldly man says ...

- My wife takes the kids to church every Sunday

- My kids will learn about God in church, right?
- I'm a saved Christian, isn't salvation enough?

A Kingdom Warrior "Leader"

- Is THE Christian "example" in the family
- Leads the family: church, praise and prayer life
- Inspires other young Christian men by his example
- Is the bible reading, bible following minister in his own home

Colossians 3:17-18

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

BUT, if leadership is so important, then why is "leader" the last item on the blueprint?

Because Kingdom Warriors FIRST need God, they also need experience and importantly, they need EVERYTHING else in our blueprint list before they can lead.

The graphic is a blue rectangular box with a faint architectural blueprint background. At the top center, it reads "Kingdom Warrior" in white, with "A Biblical Blueprint for Men" below it. Two orange shield logos with a cross are on either side. In the center, three white crosses are followed by the words "Forgiveness", "Freedom", and "Power" stacked vertically. At the bottom left is the "Men of Covenant" logo with the tagline "Living Our Faith". At the bottom right is the date "May 2024".

SLIDE #10 CLOSING COMMENTS

The 7 parts of the blueprint start with God and they end with a man completely changed BY GOD. You see, you become a Kingdom Warrior when the reason you get up every day, the reason why you go to work, the reason why you WANT to live, is because of Him, not you.

We will end today's message just like we started. Let's all just **quit**.

Quit trying to live our lives on our own, without God and without a purpose, but move to a life lived "on purpose, for HIS purpose".

- Be the man that finds forgiveness, freedom and power while on your knees in complete submission.
- Be the man that falls in love with God through relationship possible because His ONLY son died that you may have it.
- Be the man who walks in humility because he KNOWS who he is compared to God.
- Be the man who in pursuit of ever increasing holiness, controls his mind, temper and passions.
- Be the man, that is UNDER God, WITH God, HUMBLE and in CONTROL of his flesh ... SO you can be a PROVIDER, PROTECTOR and LEADER in the perfect plan God has for your life.

Why? Because when we started our discussion today, you raised your hand and agreed we have a problem and that YOU would like to help correct it, and God, our families, our brothers and sisters in Christ AND our country are depending on us

THERE WILL BE A BOOK – ADDED CONTENT:

The Apostle Paul as the greatest example of a man
What the bible calls us to do as a father and husband
How to control your flesh through the Holy Spirit

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