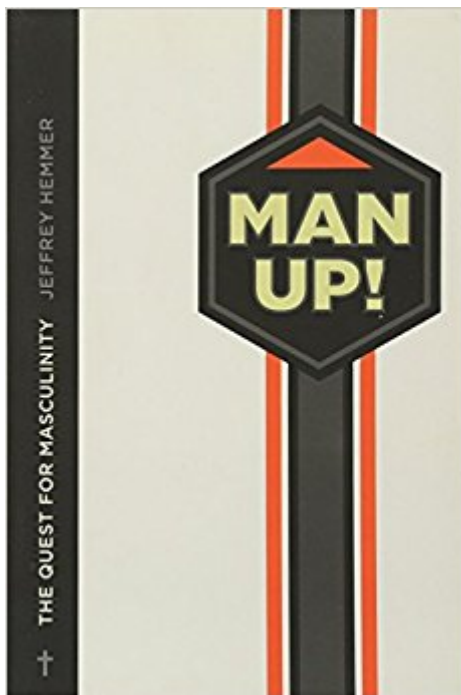


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# Man Up!: The Quest For Masculinity



## Synopsis

What does it mean to be a man? Sacrifice. Man Up! doesn't tell you to take down the feminists or reclaim your God-given role and rights. Real masculinity starts with giving of yourself for the good of those around you and in your care. It's counter-cultural and it's exactly how God designed biblical manhood. This book is a call to fix your eyes and your hope on the Man up on the cross and to find in His selfless sacrifice the perfect example for manliness in our self-indulgent, self-centered society. That's where Man Up! really stands out in the crowd. Don't pick up these pages expecting to find an ideal man you should strive to be. This book is anchored in a different ideal. In the person of Jesus Christ, God became man. What Adam lost in his rebellion, Jesus restored in His Incarnation. Jesus is the perfect man. His example sets the paradigm for perfect masculinity. But more importantly, His sacrifice obtains forgiveness and mercy for the rest of us men who are bound to fail in this God-given task to be good men. Men in all stages of life will appreciate this refreshing perspective whether you're searching for footing in this crazy culture, seeking a godly relationship with your wife, or looking for guidance on raising children.

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Great Book. My Pastor told me to read it and it has open my eyes to a different view point.

A Christian man doesn't need to become effeminate to be faithful. I think this book can be very helpful to the new male believer who might struggle with that lifestyle issue.

Great and frustrating as he desired the book to be. Challenges the man to talk consider where they are where they could be. But above his focus is on Christ.

Just read it already...

This book looks at masculinity from a Scriptural perspective. It speaks boldly and truthfully about biblical masculinity. The book promises to frustrate and "tick off" the reader, but that's hardly a reason to put it down. In a world where masculinity is often equated with machismo, this book a welcome corrective that grounds masculinity in the grace of God found in Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. If you are a man suffering from low self-esteem, this book is for you. It will lift you up in Christ. If you think you're the best man ever, this book is for you, it will knock you on your butt and expose all your failings. If you are a Christian, this book will provide a rock-solid rationale for biblical manhood. If you're not a Christian, this book will give you an insight about where Christians are coming from when they speak of manhood and masculinity in the ways that they do. *Man Up!* is a clear voice about masculinity in a cacophony of crazy, *Man Up!* is a must read for all men.

Honestly, it took me quite a while to buy and read this. It was the title: "*Man Up!*" Judging the book by its cover, I had a preconceived notion that this was just another corny Christian self-help book about beards, guns, and heavy machinery. I was wrong! Flip the book over and on the back cover you'll read: "It is quite possible that you holding the very best book to ever be written on masculinity." This sentence, taken from the book's forward written by Rev. David Peterson, sums it up perfectly. It's true! This book is extremely biblical and a pretty easy read. BUT...prepare to have your sensitive, effeminate, sinful pride offended by the truth every man needs to hear...God's Word. Hemmer does a great job of leading the reader through the root problem of sin. Then pointing him to man's only hope - the REAL Jesus Christ of Scripture. And then encouraging the reader to live as a real man, standing (or rather, kneeling) confidently in his baptismal identity. So check your ego at the door, man up, and read it! I highly recommend this book to everyone.

I won't lie to you. When I first read the title for this book, I wasn't sure I would read it since "*Man up!*" has become such a clichéd phrase. Concordia Publishing House made an extremely wise move, though, in making Pastor David Petersen's foreword available online before the book came out. His foreword convinced me to buy the book and I am grateful I did. Pastor Petersen says, "It is quite possible that you are holding the very best

book to ever be written on masculinity. I will take it one step further: It is the very best book written on masculinity and one that every man should take the time to read. Man Up! is one of the most important books that CPH has published in recent years. Pastor Hemmer explains everything from the basics of what a man is and what true masculinity is, to a clear picture of Christ as The Man, to practical, down-to-earth advice for men to follow. Along the way, he clearly proclaims the Law and Gospel to you in your various vocations as a man. This includes excellent discussions of masculinity and contraception, as well as what it means for a man to be effeminate. And he is not afraid to go after feminism and the other evils associated with it that have been furiously attacking true masculinity for nearly a century. It is no easy task for a man to write a book on this topic without coming off as a know-it-all who just wants to lecture other men to be more like him. Pastor Hemmer, with both his wit and his writing style, avoids this pitfall. But perhaps more than anything else, it is Pastor Hemmer's focus on Christ throughout the book that keeps this from ever coming across as nagging. Make no mistake, there is devastating Law clearly proclaimed throughout the book and no man reading it will escape without being convicted of his sins and failures as a man. Pastor Hemmer makes sure to always point us back to Christ—not merely as an example of masculinity, but as the only source of forgiveness, life, and salvation for all men. So, get it. Read it. Pass on its teachings to your sons and grandsons. The church and your families will thank you.

Are you a man? You need to read this book, especially if you are a Christian man. Will you like it? Probably not, but you need to hear it anyway. Our modern idea of manhood is so twisted that many males don't even know how to be men anymore. This book will start you on that path with both humor and the painful truth.

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