

REAL MEN DON'T DIE AND GO TO HELL

This short message is directed to all those men who have not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior: men who consider themselves either too 'macho' or too busy to honor the Almighty, in whose image they were created. This is a foolish and dangerous attitude.

The fool says in his heart that *there is no God*. A fool indeed is he! For one to live in God's creation ever since he was born, to observe the wonders and the precision of Mother Nature, to see how many questions still remain unanswered by man, even with all the knowledge he has gained, to be a grown man with all his senses intact, and yet say that God does not exist; such a person indeed shows blatant disrespect for his Creator. It is only a fool who chooses to disrespect the Almighty.

An atheist is a fool, and indeed one of the biggest fools. He claims that God does not exist, but yet he cannot provide any proof that is grounded on even the slightest bit of evidence to prove his stupid point. He will have to disprove creation, and this he surely cannot do. He is lost to eternal damnation, and is so stupid that he does not even know it.

Others, even though they might not be atheists, but who reject God from their lives, are in exactly the same boat as the atheists. They, by their rejection of God, are by implication saying, that there is no God. Having no respect for God, they profane His Laws on a daily basis, with no remorse of any kind. Because they do not obey the Laws of God, they usually end up destroying themselves, as they carelessly indulge in drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality, homosexuality, etc. These things they do because they are spiritually dead. They are totally ignorant of the fact that God's Laws are designed for the preservation of both body and soul; and so, oftentimes they die young, and head right into the bowels of hell!

A real man shows respect for God, and he knows that it does not take anything from his 'macho' image to do so. Indeed, it adds much to his image, showing him up as being brave and full of wisdom and self control; showing him up as going against all those activities which are deemed popular by the majority; commanding respect as he goes against the popular trend.

Real men do not indulge in self destructive activities; only fools proceed to destroy their own selves. Real men are totally cognizant of the fact that righteous living prolongs the life of the body, and preserves the soul.

A real man is family oriented, because he knows that the family is the most important unit on earth. Because of his respect for God, he will remain faithful to his wife, and take

care of the needs of his family to the best of his ability. He will not neglect his family which God has given him, to indulge in self destructive activities.

A real man assumes the leadership of his family; he establishes his authority as the head, and plays his role in leading them to God, instructing them how to live the Christ-like life. He invests quality time to interact with his children; especially his young sons; teaching them right from wrong, teaching them the fear of God, and teaching them not to take for granted, the sacrifice that was made by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. These are the things that build his image.

A real man, applying his God-given wisdom, can easily accept the fact that human life is short, and that every man was put on earth for a purpose. He speedily discovers his real purpose in life so he can maximize his contribution to humanity during his limited lifetime. He knows that God is sovereign and that his will must be done, so he tries his best to walk in the path laid out for him by God. He never tries to go against the will of God, because he is mature enough to recognize his limitations and shortcomings. A real man, because of his respect for God, will honor and glorify him at all times without compromise, even in the face of adversity.

A real man, in recognition of God's sovereignty, puts God in front of everything he does and gives him preeminence at all times, regardless of the circumstances. Because of this attitude, God honors him. These are the words of God: "I will save those who love me and will protect those who acknowledge me as Lord. When they call to me, I will answer them; when they are in trouble I will be with them. I will rescue them and honor them. I will reward them with long life; I will save them" (Ps. 91:14-16).

Because a real man knows that he is honored by the Lord, he also knows that when he dies, God will not cast him into hell. The Psalmist was ever so cognizant of this fact when he wrote: "And so I am thankful and glad, and I feel completely secure, because you protect me from the power of death. I have served you faithfully, and you will not abandon me to the world of the dead. You will show me the path that leads to life; your presence fills me with joy and brings me pleasure forever" (Ps. 16:9-11).

My friend, all I am simply trying to say to you, is that real men live full and complete lives while they are on earth, and that they do not go to hell when they die. Are you a real man?