



DIRECTIVE LEADERSHIP

masculine rule for good

The God of Israel has spoken;

the Rock of Israel has said to me:

When one rules justly over men,

ruling in the fear of God,

he dawns on them like the morning light,

like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,

like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

—2 Samuel 23:3–4

Know Your Battleground

Introduction

Overview

Foundation

Thesis

Session One: Christian men should change the world through _____ .

Edenic world:

Fallen world:

Two Temptations: <—————>

Godly rule = the responsible, persistent work of exercising dominion.

1. _____ *has the Lord* _____ to me? (or, _____ the Lord _____ to me?)

2. _____ *am I to* _____ *and* _____ *it?*

The Battleground

What is the primary point of attack?

Not Luther¹ It is the truth which is assailed in any age which tests our fidelity. It is to confess we are called, not merely to profess. If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world

¹ Elizabeth Rundle Charles, "XIX: Fritz's Story," in *Chronicles of the Schönberg-Cotta Family*, Reprint, (Yurita Press, 2015).

and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christianity. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle-fields besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point.

What is the primary point of attack? _____

Laverty² We no longer live in a world which simply hates grace; we live in a world which hates nature—and understanding this fact is one of the most urgent priorities in Christian discipleship today.

Feminism

de Beauvoir³ Woman has always been, if not man's slave, at least his vassal; the two sexes have never divided the world up equally.

Feminism is a demonic ideology built upon the resentment of the _____ of creation, and seeks to _____ women from the burdens of femininity, esp. _____ and _____.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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“Overcoming the Feminization of Culture”⁴

“The Great Feminization”⁵—the society-level threat of wokeness

² Rhys Laverty, “What Did You Plan to Be Hated For?” *The New Albion*, October 20, 2023, <https://www.thenewalbion.co.uk/p/what-did-you-plan-to-be-hated-for>.

³ Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex* (Vintage Books, 2010), 9.

⁴ National Conservatism Conference (NatCon5), https://youtu.be/EWLbq7PlrIA?si=Wvt-1_cCplP2_3t3, Sept. 2, 2025.

⁵ *Compact Magazine*, Oct. 16, 2025, <https://www.compactmag.com/article/the-great-feminization/>.

Lom3z⁶ More than anything, the Longhouse refers to the remarkable overcorrection of the last two generations toward social norms centering feminine needs and feminine methods for controlling, directing, and modeling behavior.

The Church

Christian Piety = the _____ virtues

Byrd⁷ Christian men and women don't strive for so-called biblical masculinity or femininity, but Christlikeness. Rather than striving to prove our sexuality, the tone of our sexuality will express itself as we do this My contributions, my living and moving, are distinctly feminine because I am a female. I do not need to do something a certain way to be feminine (such as receive my mail in a way that affirms the masculinity of the mailman). I simply am feminine because I am female.

Jones⁸ Byrd's contention that she doesn't need to act like a woman because she is a woman is sort of like a Christian saying, "I don't need to act like a Christian because I am one."

Lewis⁹ The innovators are really implying that sex is something superficial, irrelevant to the spiritual life. To say that men and women are equally eligible for a certain profession is to say that for the purposes of that profession their sex is irrelevant. We are, within that context, treating both as neuters.

The Fruit (4 Charts)

Political Alignment¹⁰

⁶ Lom3z (aka, Jonathan Keeperman), "What is the Longhouse?" *First Things*. February 16, 2022.

⁷ Aimee Byrd, *Recovering from Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (Zondervan, 2020), 141.

⁸ Mark Jones, "Review of Aimee Byrd's *Recovering from Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*," *The Calvinist International*, October 2, 2019, <https://mereorthodoxy.com/book-reviewbeyond-authority-and-submission/>.

⁹ CS Lewis, "Priestesses in the Church?" in *God in the Dock* (Eerdmans, 1995), 237.

¹⁰ <https://x.com/InezFeltscher/status/2046015043339268217?s=20>.

Mental Health¹¹

Family Change¹²

Markers of Maturity¹³

Summary

What is the indispensable male virtue?

Christian men should change the world through godly rule.

¹¹ <https://x.com/ZachG932/status/1249764370458062850?s=20>

¹² <https://x.com/creation247/status/2039346571033104484?s=20>

¹³ As found at: <https://x.com/PatrickC1995/status/2038765186421547032?s=20>. Accessed 31 March 2026.

Lead Your People

Nearly every major male character met in Scripture is a man who has killed someone.

—Alastair Roberts¹⁴

Thesis

Session One: Christian men should change the world through godly rule.

Session Two: Godly rule is exercised primarily through _____ .

On authority

The Terminology Problem

Lewis The modern State exists not to protect our rights but to do us good or make us good—anyway, to do something to us or to make us something. Hence the new name ‘leaders’ for those who were once ‘rulers.’ We are less their subjects than their wards, pupils, or domestic animals. There is nothing left of which we can say to them, ‘Mind your own business.’ Our whole lives *are* their business.¹⁵

On Servant Leadership

Servant Leadership = Godly Rule?

¹⁴ Alastair Roberts, “What is the Case Against Women’s Ordination?,” *Alastair’s Adversaria*, December 5, 2019, <https://adversariapodcast.com/2019/12/05/transcript-for-what-is-the-case-against-womens-ordination/>.

¹⁵ C. S. Lewis, “Is Progress Possible?,” in *God in the Dock*, 314.

Garris¹⁶

ESV Translation Inconsistency

1 Timothy 3:4 He must _____ (προϊστάμενον) his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive . . .

1 Timothy 5:14 So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, _____ (οικοδεσποτεῖν) their households, and give the adversary no occasion for slander.

1 Timothy 5:17 Let the elders who _____ (προεστῶτες) well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.

BDAG¹⁷ προϊστημι (*proistemi*)

1. to exercise a position of leadership, rule, direct, be at the head (of)
2. to have an interest in, show concern for, care for, give aid

οικοδεσποτέω (*oikodespoteo*)

1. manage one's household, keep house

Masculine Rule

Five Key Qualities

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

¹⁶ Zachary Garris, "The Husband 'Rules' His Home (1 Timothy 3:4-5)," *Knowing Scripture*, January 6, 2026, <https://knowingscripture.com/articles/the-husband-rules-his-home-1-timothy-3-4-5>.

¹⁷ Frederick William Danker, ed. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3rd ed. Oak Tree Software. Electronic edition, Version 2.8.

Questions to Aid Evaluation

Evaluation

	Wife	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4	Child 5	Work	Church	Community
Who?									
What?									
<i>General</i>									
<i>Specific</i>									
<i>Personal</i>									
<i>Corporate</i>									
How?									
<i>Sin</i>									
<i>Grace</i>									

Basic Aims

How does directive leadership apply to marriage?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How does it apply to parenting?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How does it apply to work?

CR Wiley

Man of the House

The Household and the War for the Cosmos

Common Challenges

Fatigue

What to do when my wife or child will not listen?

What if my Dad didn't do this?

From Victim to Ruler

Take responsibility and act: 1) God, 2) self, 3) other(s)

Conclusion

The final words of King David

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