

Proverbs 1:8-10; Proverbs 2:1-8  
**Father's Day**  
*"What Does it Mean to Be a Man?"*  
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**Introduction:**

What did Robert Jensen's (University of Texas) findings reveal when asking his college students, "What does it mean to be a man?"

Beyond the prevailing cultural stereotypes we see regarding that manhood means, what has been another reaction in recent years to the gender differentiation discussion?

How and when did Father's Day develop?

**Proverbs 1:8-10:**

In your own words, describe the first instruction offered in Proverbs.

What sort of picture of manhood and masculinity do you see our culture painting? How does it influence you?

**Proverbs 2:1-8:**

Rather than looking to the prevailing culture for wisdom, self-understanding and purpose, where does Solomon say we should look?

What message of grace in Proverbs 2:5-8 dismantles a predominant lie within our culture concerning what it means to be a man?

How does looking at the life and person of Jesus challenge our cultural definitions of manhood?

*"When man is wrapped up in himself,  
he makes a pretty small package."*

- John Ruskin (1819-1900) -