

Man and Transformation

God's Message:

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. – 1 Corinthians 11:3

There is nothing that a man can be proud of – except for his character

These days we are praying for our nation's transformation. We long for changes in every aspect of a nation's life which will bring positive impacts for all the nations - a peaceful, prosperous and God-feared society. In this article we will discuss about transformation for man. To be a true man, every man must experience transformation first.

In 1 Corinthians 11:3 it is said that the head of the woman is man, and the head of every man is Christ, and the head of Christ is the Father. This verse is not talking about gender discrimination; it is talking about function or role. The problem here is not who has higher status, man or woman; but it is about the role. Christ and the Father are the same; the differentiation between them is the role.

A role or function of a man must be transformed and restored. Since the first man (Adam) fell into sin, many men could not do their role and function properly in the family. As a result, there are many broken families. Many men could not do their function properly so the prisons are full with men. The devil doesn't want the men to do their function and roles properly. But through the sacrifice of Lord Jesus on the cross, man's roles and functions are restored.

The restoration and functions of a man:

1. Responsibility

A true man is a responsible man. When man fell into sin, the first person called by God was Adam, even though the one who sinned first was Eve. What did God call Adam? When Eve gave the fruit to Adam, Adam was supposed to remind and give advice to Eve. But at that time, Adam just kept quiet. When a man keeps "quiet" in the family, there will be crisis.

2. Leader

A true man is a man who is able to do his function as a leader. It means that he has a strong life principle; he becomes a person who has clear purpose of life and is brave enough to discipline himself.

3. Example

True men stand before the Lord as God's priests. The Word of God says in 1 Peter 2:9 *"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare*

the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” As a priest, a man should become an example for all people, both in his life in secular world and his service before the Lord.

There are few important things to take note before transformation can happen to men – they should:

- Take a step of repentance: confess the sin, repent from the old ways and receive Jesus as his Lord and his Savior.
- Have a willingness to receive the teaching of the Word of God [be a disciple] from local mentors.
- Have a boldness to carry the cross by disciplining himself to keep holding on the Word of God.

The most perfect and true man is Lord Jesus; He is our example. There is no other way to become a true man except from live to be more like Lord Jesus - in His actions, in His thought, and in His characters. The contradiction of living to be more like Jesus is living to be more like the world. This is the hindrance to be a true man. If someone loves the world, then his love for the Father will disappear. That’s why we have to be close to God in order to be able to differentiate between those come from the world and those which are God’s will. 1 Romans 12:2 says, *“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

Essence:

The roles or functions of men need to be transformed and restored. Since the first man (Adam) fell into sin, many men could not do their functions and roles properly. Few things that need to be transformed from men are their responsibility, leadership and example.

Reflection:

Have we become a responsible man: for ourselves, our family, our work and society? Have we become a man of integrity and an example for all people, including our family?

Commitment:

Starting from today, I understand God’s plan for the man. I want to be a man who understands my roles and my functions for the society and the Lord.

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