Measuring Up

Part Three - The Measure of a Man

1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

The measure of a man is determined by his Christlikeness.

Revelation 19:11-16

Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

The Measure of Christ's Masculinity

1. His preparation

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Luke 2:46

Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions.

2. His work ethic

Mark 6:3

Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon."

1 Timothy 5:8

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (Infidel).

John 21:25

Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

3. His treatment of women

Luke 13:16-17

This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?" 17 This shamed his enemies, but all the people rejoiced at the wonderful things he did.

4. His love for children

Luke 18:16-17

Then Jesus called for the children and said to the disciples, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.17 I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

5. His bond with His friends

John 15:15

Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything my Father has told me.

6. His self-control

2 Timothy 1:7

For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control.

As men, we will be measured.

Hebrews 9:27

Everyone must die once, and after that be judged by God.

Daniel 5:25-28

"This is the message that was written: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin. 26 This is what these words mean: Mene means 'numbered'- God has numbered the days of your reign and has brought it to an end. 27 Tekel means 'weighed'- you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up. 28 Parsin means 'divided'- your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians."