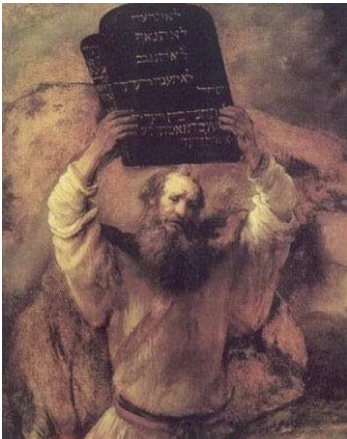




How do you describe
a red heifer with
three white hairs?

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A brisket.



In Rembrandt's painting
Moses is depicted
holding rounded tablets aloft.

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The truth ...



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אָב, ה. [אב, אָבִי, אָבִיךָ, אָבִיכֶם; אָבוֹת, אָבוֹתֵי-
father, parent (male), ancestor, progenitor, [אָבוֹתֵי]
patriarch, forefather, head (of a family), leader;
God; principal, chief, master, important, great,
teacher
arche- (as archetype), proto- (as אָבִי
prototype), chief, master-

A father is the beginning, the source.

For example in Hebrew syntax ...

אָבִיגַיִל
Avigail Abigail
Source of joy
She's not the father of the joy.

אַבְשָׁלוֹם
Avshalom
Source of peace
He's not the father of the shalom.

Eph 6.4 **Fathers, don't irritate your children and make them resentful; instead, raise them with the Lord's kind of discipline and guidance.**

[A father is the source of discipline and guidance]

2 Cor. 12.14 **I will not be a burden to you; for it is not what you own that I want, but you! Children are not supposed to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.**

[A father is the source of financial and other resources.]

1 Cor 16.13-14 **Stay alert, stand firm in the faith, behave like a mensh, grow strong. Let everything you do be done in love.**

Mensch (Yiddish: מענטש mensh), from Middle High German Mensch, means "a person of integrity and honor". A particularly good person, a person with the qualities one would hope for in a friend or trusted colleague.

[Wikipedia

Menches, Menchy

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/mensches>

"Jonah is a mensch for engaging constructively with his critics."—Ed Yong, Discover Magazine, 31 Mar. 2012

Pray for a menschy congregation.]

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[A father is the source of strength, faith, love.]

Mishlei/Prov 19.14 **House and wealth are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from Adoni.**

What is a father?

A father is a source

- of life
- of joy and love

[Puns, Dad jokes, silly stories. Requested]

- of money
- of wisdom (+)
- of correction (-)


The Heavenly Father is the Source of all.

Yeshua restores all that we lose by our sins.

Dads MUST be richly receiving from the Heavenly Father through the Son and Ruakh.

[If you don't have that, you have NOTHING to offer.]

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What does a father do?

- Meets needs
- Solve problems
- Fixes everything

We have two things, humanly, in our “spiritual inventory” of tools.

1. Integrity
2. Love

Erwin Lutzer

- Pastor Moody Bible Church 1980-2016
- radio speaker
- 70 books



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Dr. Lutzer, on Focus on the Family radio, was describing talking to his daughter about the **MOST** important thing to her in his life and ministry. His daughter said the most significant thing was his practice of apologizing when he was wrong.

We have two things, humanly, in our “inventory” of tools.

1. Integrity [honesty, sexual purity]
2. Love [love means giving]
 - Holy Spirit makes these real to people.



Tiger parenting is a form of strict parenting, whereby parents are highly invested in ensuring their children's success, push their children to attain high levels of achievement or success.

[Several cultures are perfectionist like this. Asians and Jews.]

So, I'm a bit of a Tiger parent. Sought perfection in my kids. I'm sure I did damage. However, the real perfection needed:

Yn 17.22-23 The glory that You have given to Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one— I in them and You in Me—that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them as You loved Me.

[Bigger than perfected music, magnificent vocals, instrumentation, technol, sound, lights, dance Heard of sloppy agape? Shoddy job but love will cover. Abhorrent to me. I've got all the obsessiveness of Tiger Mom. Likely damaged my kids with it. Nevertheless, this agape is the ONE thing we MUST have perfected.]

What if the love and unity break?
[What is a Dad's responsibility?]

Gal 6.1-2 Brothers, suppose someone is caught doing something wrong. You who have the Spirit should set him right, but in a spirit of humility, keeping an eye on yourselves so that you won't be tempted too.

Matt 18.15-16 “Moreover, if your brother commits a sin against you, go and show him his fault — but privately, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he doesn't listen, take one or two others with you so that every accusation can be supported by the testimony of two or three witnesses.

[That has been one of my main roles in the 29 years of Or HaOlam, 1995 till 2024. One of the one or two more. Often G-d breaks through with great reconciliation. Lasting reconciliation. I'm still available and love it. But there is an attitudinal requirement.]

1 Cor 13.4-5 Love is patient and kind, not jealous, not boastful, not proud, rude or selfish, not easily angered.

Hē	agapē	makrothymeī	chrēsteuetai
Ἡ	ἀγάπη	μακροθυμεῖ	, χρηστεύεται
-	Love	is patient	is kind

makrothymēō – properly, long-tempered (to defer anger), refusing to retaliate with anger, because of human reasoning.

makrothymēō – [The literal sense if the term is “extending a long time (way).”]

[https://biblehub.com/greek/3114.htm

Love hurts.]

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Love suffers.

Love suffers long.

Love suffers long, and is kind.

[A new thing this year more than previously.

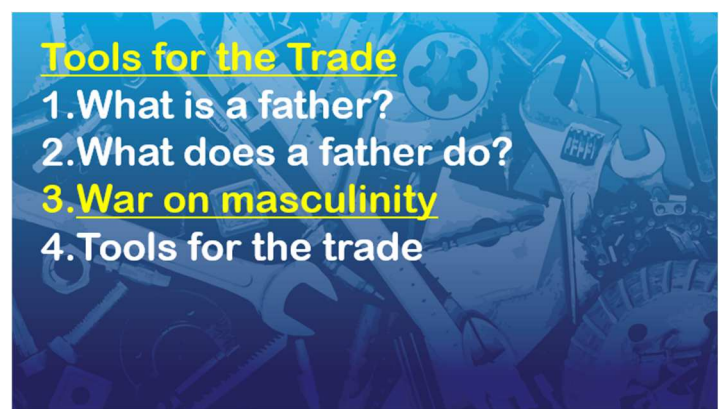
We have a Mt 18.16 sweet resolution. Maybe not what we expected going in, but the Ruakh melts and does. Halleluyah. I bask in the glow and gratitude of it. Then some days later I am told ... that's not what I meant. Not happy.

The resolution that was there a day or two later isn't there. I've taken to asking, at the close of reconciliation meetings, when I remember, "now you mean this? You won't tell me ..."]

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[Because the culture is so vile, people more easily offended.

Rise up and love with longsuffering. "Man up!"]

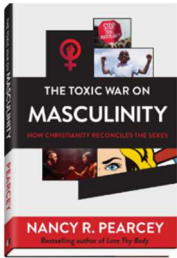


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“Born into a culturally Lutheran family, Nancy Pearcey expected for someone to be able to answer this question of the basis of faith. However, that was not the case. Today on Family Talk, Roger Marsh discusses with Nancy how this deep-seated personal search for truth set her feet upon a path that would lead her to



research that not only proves the Bible faith is true, but that without it, our society spirals out of control. They also discuss Nancy's latest book, *The Toxic War on Masculinity*, and the origins of culture's warped view of men.



NOTE: the text following is an adaptation of the transcript of the broadcast at <https://www.drjamesdobson.org/broadcasts/the-toxic-war-on-masculinity-part-1> and

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She ended up at L'Abri in 1971 with all those hippies, under Francis and Edith Schaeffer in Switzerland. Part of the 'Jesus Revolution.' Found people who could rationally defend the faith and the scriptures.

[Edith Schaeffer who wrote a book, Christianity is Jewish.]

In our culture today, it seems like there is an active vendetta against men and masculinity.

- Washington Post article: *Why Can't We Hate Men?*
- Book: *Are Men Necessary?*

James Cameron, director of *Avatar*, wrote, "Talking about healthy masculinity is like talking about healthy cancer ... Testosterone is a toxin. You have to work it out of your system."

Feminists of the 70s said, "A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

Feminism didn't really start in the 1970s. Before the Industrial Revolution, men worked alongside the wives and children in the farm or trade. Sons were apprentices. "The concept of masculine virtue was duty to God and man," according to secular writers.

In 1842 an article in a magazine called *Parents* said, "The greatest cause of domestic sorrow today is father absence. The father's working late and early."

[1842!]

The pandemic was a game changer.

Harvard study: 68% of fathers said they got closer to their children, and don't want to lose that."

Quotes from CEOs "We did not see any decrease in productivity during the pandemic."

[However, lots of initiatives ...]

1972 Title IX, 1994 Gender Equality Act.

Men are falling behind: higher suicide, drug and alcohol addiction, homelessness, mental illness. Great Depression-era levels

Yeah. It is much worse than I realized when I started the research. Men and boys are falling behind at all levels. Boys start falling behind in kindergarten, because they don't have as good fine motor control, so they can't work a scissors as well. So already they feel like they're falling behind the girls, and they

College is now 60% female, 40% male.

Some colleges are starting football teams just to recruit boys.

There was an article in the British newspaper the *Guardian*, “Women are not finding good men.”
[*Marriageable men are scarce.*]

Secularism has produced a more toxic form of masculinity. Darwinian writers say the men who won out on survival were ruthless, brutal savate, barbarian, and predatory.

A best-selling book *Moral Animal*. “Giving men a book on marriage is like giving a booklet to Vikings on how not to pillage.”

male authors, but they're speaking from the position of evolutionary psychology. And so when people say, hasn't the concept of masculinity turned toxic? I said, yes, it's the secular view of masculinity that has in fact turned toxic and is telling people, well, it's the source of the Andrew Tate phenomenon. Fast money, fast cars, fast women. That's the paradigm of the secular view.

The rest of the story ...

There have been sociological studies showing that Bible believing men who attend service regularly test out as the best husbands and fathers. I quote some dozen ... studies ... the most loving, engaged husbands and fathers.

Their wives are tested separately ... the happiest the way their husbands treat them. Evangelical men spend more time with their children than any other group. 3.5 hrs/week more than secular men. 35% lower divorce than secular men.

Lowest rate of domestic abuse and violence.

In the NY Times, “The happiest of all wives in America are religious conservatives.” Fully 73% of women who hold conservative gender values and attend services regularly with their husbands have high quality marriages.

Haven't we all heard that believer's divorce at the same rate as the Western Culture? Researchers then separated out the nominal believers. Nominal believers' wives report the lowest level of happiness. Higher divorce than seculars.

Nominal believers have 20% higher divorce than seculars, and the highest rate of domestic violence and abuse.

So if I can paint a picture here, top of the heap is Christian men actively engaged in their faith, wives have the happiest level of happiness. Second is people with no faith, and they're getting by. That the bottom of the heap is the nominal Christian who says, I'm a professing Christian, but I'm not really living out my faith. And that's where the divorce, the domestic abuse, the distancing from children, that's all happening. That's graphic.

The nominal believer will take religious justification for the mistreatment of their family. Men are just bigger, stronger, faster, and because of testosterone, they're more aggressive and risk taking. And ... that is good. Creationally.
[Whenever someone has to quote to his wife, "Submit," he's lost it. Public dad and private dad. Knuckle fist.]

Nominal believer men are worse than secular men. Often the woman is blamed. Kindness is weakness to a bully. Consider Hamas.

Loving confrontation. Matthew 18

Preach on abuse and perversion. You don't know who or where.

Tendency is to give roses to the mothers, and exhort / scold the men. Encourage our men!

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If you are a father, you are a builder
 And your children will become what you've made
 Please do your best and please don't forget
 God gave you the tools for the trade

He gave you eyes to see where your child might go wrong
 And feet to lead them safely through
 Hands to hold their hands
 And lips to say "I love you"

He gave you arms to hold them
 When they are afraid
 And time to wait until they're calm
 Ears to hear between their lines
 And tears to cry when they're gone

And your knees are for playing
 And they're also for praying
 That god will watch over the child
 And in those times when you can't say it
 But they still need to hear it
 You can say "I love you" with your smile

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1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another?

Prayer point 1 Restoration of Fatherhood as promised:

Malakhi 3.23-24 Look, I will send to you Eliyahu the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible Day of Adoni. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers; otherwise I will come and strike the land with complete destruction.”

Prayer point 2 Defense of Israel

T'hilim/Ps 83.17,19 Fill their faces with shame, so that they will seek your name, Adoni... Let them know that you alone, whose name is Adoni, are the Most High over all the earth.