

# Building Boys

## Part 4 – Young Men

I. We must prepare them to be \_\_\_\_\_

II. We must prepare them to show \_\_\_\_\_

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*Men forge manhood. We cannot do what God calls men to do. This is why it is so important that we respect and encourage the men in our boys' lives. The most important two things boys need from women are to model biblical womanhood before them and display a healthy respect for biblical manhood.*

*There is so much more I could teach and encourage from Scripture on this topic. But I will leave you with some things I've learned as I've raised boys – discuss these:*

- 1. They are boys. Masculinity is wired into them. Regardless of the warped messages of our culture, boys are different from girls. In 1 Corinthians 16:13-14, Paul tells the men of the Corinth church, "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." Here Paul, the great Apostle, a MAN, is calling the men of the church to ACT LIKE MEN. Being a man is different from being a woman and we need to appreciate the differences and pray that men will act like men.*
- 2. Help your boys, from your perspective as a woman, to respect femininity. Encourage them to open doors for you, to carry packages (age appropriately), to speak respectfully, help out with household chores, show appreciation for the things you do for them. This will go a LONG way in their marriages one day.*
- 3. Make sure your boys get PLENTY of PHYSICAL activity. They need to run, throw, hit, compete. This can be accomplished in so many different ways. When they are little – your yard, a park, some balls and bats are all they need. They will come up with all kinds of ways, on their own, to get their energy out. You just need to get them outside and encourage it. As they grow, cross country races, Upward Sports, hiking, walks – it's endless and exercise is good for you, too!*
- 4. Meaningful work. Begin early to both model and require work. It seems the emphasis with young families today is to always do fun things to make*

memories with children. While this is VERY important and probably my favorite, work is even more important. As your boys grow, have them do chores as part of the family but also give them opportunities to earn money for extra work. Then as they develop a work ethic, they will stand out as exemplary and responsible when they are “hired” for pet walking, yard work, or other jobs. This prepares them to be both a great employee and employer. Remember Joseph – he stood out in his work, no matter who his boss.

5. Honor and respect their daddy. Remember, their father WAS a boy – you weren't. Point to your husband and other male role models in their lives as examples from whom to learn. Also, be careful that you do not get in the way when your husband is dealing with your boys “man to man.”
6. Be a model of biblical womanhood. If you don't understand biblical womanhood, listen to the series I taught called “The Lost Art of Biblical Womanhood.” As you live your life by God's standard, you are showing your boys what to look for in a wife. You won't be perfect – you will fail many times – but your humble heart for God will speak loudly to your boys.
7. Commit your way to the Lord. Remember, your boys belong to Him. You can't save, fix, control, or change your boy. That is God's job. Pray like crazy, live an exemplary life, and trust God. Do with your boys as Paul encouraged the believers in 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24 “We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.”