



What Is "Toxic Masculinity"? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "What is 'toxic masculinity'?"

REPLY: Yet another hate-filled, anti-God lie repeated as if it were true! Labels are no substitute for logic, and become libel when there is no proof from Scripture or experience. "He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD." (**Proverbs 17:15**)

1) In the Beginning, "

God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (**Genesis 1:26-27**).

God made "man" in both "male and female" form to be "in the image of God." Human physical forms are either "male" or "female." Human spiritual forms are "in the image of God," not gods themselves! Since "toxic" means "poisonous, lethal, deadly," then it does not, nor cannot, apply to God! God is not "toxic," His "image" is not toxic, His creation of humans is not "toxic."

2) Sin entered the world first through woman. "For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression" (**1 Timothy 2:13-14**). One sin did not make all women "toxic," did it? It would be a "hate-filled, anti-God lie" to claim all women were "toxic." To label as "toxic" all "males" is prejudiced, sexist rhetoric solely designed to create a climate of "smear & fear" that denigrates men made "in the image of God!"

3) Masculinity is not a: disease, defect, deficiency, or disorder. All who teach their sons that it is any of these are showing they believe and teach a hate-filled message rather than the hope-filled truth in Scriptures. Sons usually respond to their father's instructions and tenderness of their mother:

When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: 'Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live.' (**Proverbs 4:3-4**)

Sons who do not know their fathers, and have hate and rejection from their mothers, are headed down the road to devastation. "A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her who bore him" (**Proverbs 17:25**). The problem with

masculinity is not a toxic Creation or toxicity with birth, but destructiveness in the home environment!

He who mistreats his father and chases away his mother Is a son who causes shame and brings reproach. Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge (**Proverbs 19:26-27**).

- 4) "Toxicity" still comes from sinners: "Evil men do not understand justice, But those who seek the LORD understand all" (**Proverbs 28:5**). "For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well. She also lies in wait as for a victim, And increases the unfaithful among men" (**Proverbs 23:27-28**).

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