

This was a lesson I went over with my daughters when I felt they didn't get why men (like me) act like men and not more like they do.

What Makes a Man?

Generally speaking, men have unique traits that characterize them as men. While some women like to do some of these things, they are more typically found in men, and boys. Some of the things that men like to do include:

- Hunting, fishing, shooting guns
- Taking extreme risks, getting others in trouble
- Climbing trees, climbing mountains
- Working out, getting pumped
- Camping in the rough, peeing in the woods
- Fighting, starting arguments, winning arguments
- Fixing other people's problems
- Reading about or going to war
- Playing and watching sports
- Trash talking, taunting, teasing, crushing an opponent
- Having one belt, one color, all the time
- Shopping for hours, but only in a good tool store
- Overeating and drinking
- Burping, belching (as loud as possible)
- Farting
- Scratching where it itches, picking when it's needed
- Bragging, exaggerating
- Taking things apart, breaking things, building things, inventing things
- Burning things
- Wrestling with a big dog
- Playing practical jokes
- Chasing a girl, rescuing the damsel in distress
- Being natural
- Eating with fingers
- Driving a sports car or cycle

A given man may not do all of the above things, but will likely do most of them if given the opportunity.

What makes a **gentleman**?

- A suggested answer: A gentleman is a man who avoids doing some of the things listed above when he is in public.

Can you tame a man?

Some women, and girls, may be grossed out by some of those manly traits. They may even try to make a man more respectable. If you could do that, what would you have?

- A suggested answer: A man divested of manly traits becomes effeminate.

Interesting that God hates for a man to be effeminate. Moreover, he deeply loved David the warrior, whose bloody hands were the reason God would not let him build the temple.

How should we relate to an effeminate man?

Scripture tells us to love everyone, yet it also tells us to hate what God hates. This is a case of hating the sin, while loving the sinner. We ought not to promote or glorify homosexuality, for example to give our blessing to same-sex marriage. Yet, we still must love each and every homosexual as much as we love anyone else, even those in a marriage that we would not endorse.

In our dealings with them, we do not need to express disapproval at every opportunity any more than we would antagonize a person who is a glutton or an alcoholic. A trickier question that 2 Christians may legitimately disagree: Would you attend the wedding of a gay friend or son or daughter? Romans 14 would encourage each one to make up their own mind through prayer, and graciously allow other people to arrive at different conclusions.