

Title: men of honour
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Epic movies – key ingredients, captures imagination... the man of honour, evil, the battle, the damsel in distress.

What can we take with us when we die? Nothing. Except relationships.

The battle (is for relationship)

Evil in the world? Their mission: **Hell on earth**. Destroy relationship.

Heaven or Hell? *Relationships that work = closest you will get to heaven on earth. **Broken relationships** = closest you'll get to hell on earth.

- **Ladies** – wear pink glasses en hearing aids. **Speak pink and hear pink**. **Men** – wear blue glasses and hearing aids. Speak and hear blue. Put the two together? Serious miscommunication.
- **Resolving the conflict:** Before we can speak the other's language, we need to put on another pair of glasses. We need to put on **yellow glasses or Holy Spirit glasses**. **See what God sees, hear what God hears**.
- **Distracted:** Men are on a mission for anything and everything except true relationship.

The love of our lives (our treasure)

Proverbs 18:22 (NLT) ²² *The man who finds a wife finds a treasure, and he receives favour from the LORD.*

A man of honour values his wife highly. She is a treasure.

Proverbs 21:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ *There is desirable treasure, and oil in the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish man squanders it.*

- **We need a value shift.**
- **Inspired to change! who wants to find a treasure**, but then lose it because he was a jerk? *Everybody wants the treasure, but few are willing to become the catch themselves.*
- **A rich man?** Somebody with authentic meaningful relationships. **A poor man?** All the stuff in the world, but shallow / empty relationships.

Proverbs 15:17 (The Message) ¹⁷ *Better a bread crust shared in love than a slab of prime rib served in hate.*

- **Broken relationships** – makes the best taste bad.

Our mission – to be a princess maker

What is honour? Honour is to esteem someone highly. To value somebody as important. A man of honour gives honour.

***A man of honour considers the woman he loves to be of infinite value.*

Honour is starts in the heart – an unstoppable, unchangeable position you take in your heart. **She is valuable. Irrespective of her performance.**

1 Peter 3:7 (NLT) ⁷ *In the same way, you husbands must give honour to your wives.*

- **Give honour to the wife:** An impartation of honour. An impartation of value.
- **Princess makers:** *We don't simply marry a princess.* We are princess makers. We cause the women in our lives to become everything God has destined them to be.
- **Men, we are royalty.** Jesus is the king. We are princes that can impart royalty to a **simple peasant girl**. Like we were.

- You can't give what you don't have. Find your identity in Christ.

Proverbs 19:14 (NLT) ¹⁴ *Fathers can give their sons an inheritance of houses and wealth, but only the LORD can give an understanding wife.*

- **It is God who works in their hearts**, to change them into His image. **Only the Lord can do it.**
- **Why go through all the trouble? It will benefit you.**

Proverbs 21:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ *Better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and angry woman.*

- **Men of honour: it is in our hands.** We will determine what they become...

Our mission – to become a man of honour

Ephesians 5:25–33 (The Message) ²⁵ *Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. ²⁶ Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, ²⁷ dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. ²⁸ And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage.*

- **Go all out in your love for your wives:** Hold nothing back. Don't be half-hearted.
- **Exactly as Christ did for the church** – Jesus is our example. **We are Jesus men.**
 - *God's love is the ultimate eye-opener. *We cannot love what we don't value highly!*
 - **Love?** Is to see someone as infinitely precious.
- **A love marked by giving, not getting:** *not what you can get, but what you can give.*
 - **Speaking loud and clear: "I value you."** how? Through what you do - serve her!
- **Christ's love makes the church whole** – our love makes the woman in our lives whole.
 - *God's love is the ultimate enabler: God's love doesn't only enable us to see, but also enables us to look after this special treasure.
 - How would you treat a real princess? Well, do it....Treat her like a lady / like a princess...always: Make it a priority!

Conclusion

A man of honour considers the woman he loves to be of infinite value. **His mission?** *Become a man of honour and to be a princess maker.*

The battle is for relationship. It is a life-long endeavour.