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“THE NORMS OF DAVID”

‘We must have the fortitude of David’

Proverbs 2:1-11. “If..., if..., if..., you. Then..., then..., then... God will!”

What is the cusp of being conservative or liberal? Biblical truth!

David learned from and obeyed his father.

David had fortitude!

Fortitude: courage in pain or adversity.

“Who Killed Civil Society?” Howard Husock.

Longstanding values pertaining to courtship, marriage, manners, self-restraint, deferred gratification, and religious observance have been eroding across the culture.”

The ‘cure’ for poverty is: education, finish high school, get a job, and get married before you have babies. The combination is **the success sequence**.

A real man is first a husband, then a father, who provides for his family in all aspects.

Norms matter: (internalize them) living a structured life of work, marriage, family, and community engagement is a valuable end in itself.

“We should view work, hard work, as a necessary rite of passage for boys early in their lives.”

Reaching Up for Manhood, Geoffrey Canada.

The Other Wes Moore attributes success to both parents- Father-hood and education.

Modernism is a rage against our historic norms of success. Our Biblical norms!

4-H pledge: “I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club (*church*), my community, my country, and my world.” I Pledge.. TO GOD!

David came from the family, the whole family, of Jessie.

He was successful because he knew God and God’s principles.

David was a man after God’s own heart.

“Then thou shalt have good success.”

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