

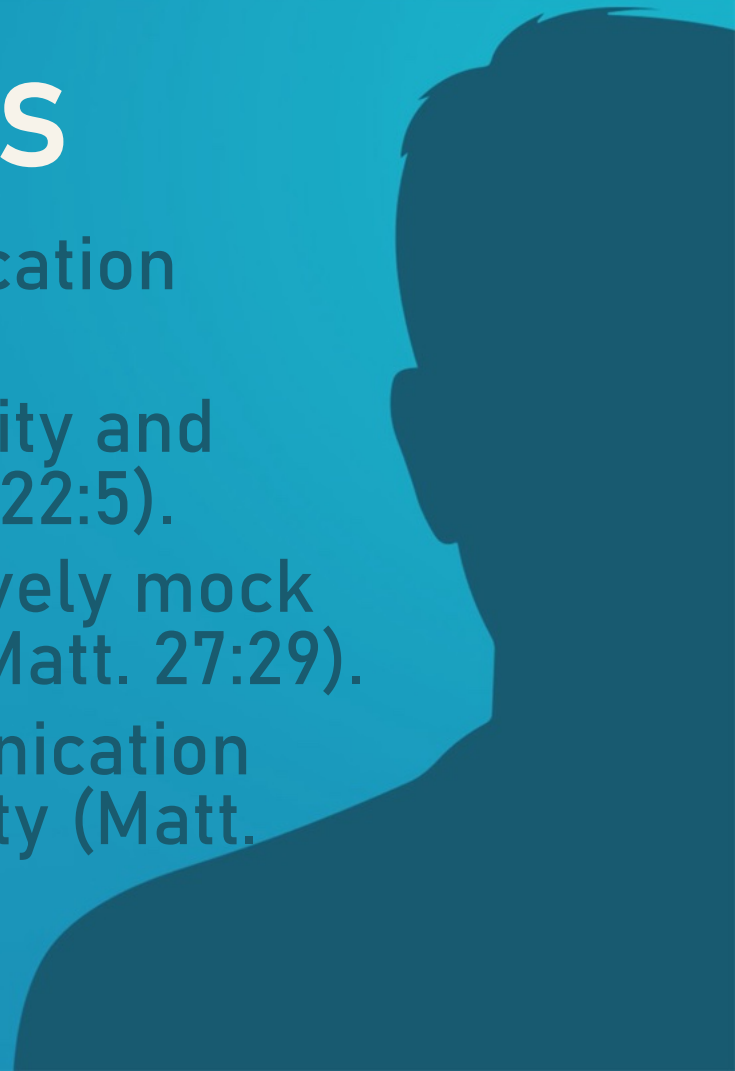
ACTING LIKE MEN

1 Corinthians 16:13



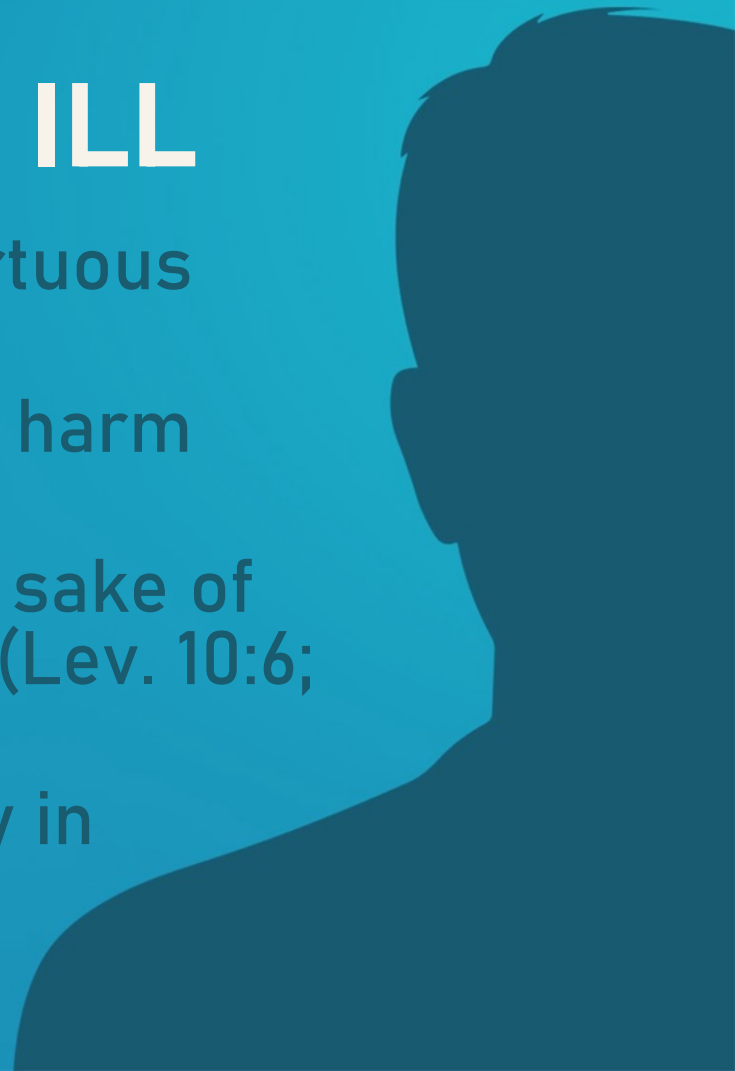
CULTURAL MARKERS

- We are talking about communication (Judges 12:5-6).
- We can communicate masculinity and femininity in many ways (Deut. 22:5).
- Efforts have been made to actively mock and suppress these markers (Matt. 27:29).
- Of course, the outward communication should come from inward reality (Matt. 23:25-26).



FOR GOOD AND FOR ILL

- Masculinity is not inherently virtuous (Ezek. 3:7-9).
- It can be used to protect and to harm (Ruth 2:9).
- Masculinity can be hard for the sake of others or hard towards others (Lev. 10:6; Matt. 12:7).
- Culture has defined masculinity in terms of only the negative.



STARTING POINTS

- God is the Father and so He shows us what Biblical masculinity is (Eph. 3:14).
- Men ought to gladly assume sacrificial responsibility for all that is theirs (Hos. 3:1-3; Phil. 2:5-8).
- Biblical masculinity has an internal foundation (2 Cor. 12:7-10).
- External masculinity must be tied to the internal (2 Tim. 2:4-6).

