This paper considers the construction of masculinity in contemporary Evangelicalism, tracing the history of the movement's ideas around masculinity and focusing in particular in current espousal of a distinctively 'muscular' masculinity which is defined in particular in its dominance over and responsibility for the affairs of women and children. The paper concludes that although Evangelicalism claims a biblical basis for its cultural constructs that its contemporary model of "becoming a man" stands in stark contrast for the genderless biblical model for "becoming a person", based as it is on asexual spiritual gifts which, under the Evangelical scheme of things, would be considered "feminine" or even "effeminate".

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