

Biblical Manhood
~ *FROM ONE MAN TO*
ANOTHER ~



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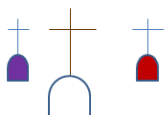
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Dedication

To The Lord.

***Father, please have Your will and way
with this Bible study. I totally surrender
it to You.***

***Jesus, may you knock at our heart's door;
and may we open up the door and sit
down to eat with You.***

***Holy Spirit, COME. We welcome You to
convict, instruct, counsel, teach, and
guide us as we hunger and thirst after
You. AND may you fill us with Your pure
Righteousness and Holiness as we
Hunger and Thirst for YOU. ~ AMEN***

Note

This study is by no means exhaustive, many other examples in Scripture can be given and many more lessons can be learned about Biblical Manhood; however, by applying yourself to what you will study in this book, God can and will make an impact on your life.

“Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war.”

~ Proverbs 20:18 (KJV)

Tips for success in this study:

1. Contribute (ask questions).
2. Pause and thoughtfully answer the questions throughout the text.
3. Complete assignments. (You will have work assigned to you at the end of each lesson and completing it is important for your character construction.).
4. Read the Scriptures carefully, and rejoice when GOD reveals the meaning of a verse to you.
5. Be active on the Facebook group and seek advice from a wise, godly man when you have a question.
6. Be open with your parents and ask for help when you need it.
7. Pray faithfully that you can and will apply the truth that you learn.
8. Take notes in the space provided, they really help.

9. Begin/Come open to seeing things from a different perspective, to take a fresh look.
10. Seek the counsel of the godly men in your life to learn real life Biblical Manhood. These men will be there to help you when you struggle in life.
11. Ask the Holy Spirit for discernment to develop in as you learn from the book of Wisdom; The Bible.
12. Listen for the Holy Spirit and ask Him to speak to your heart in His small, still voice.
13. Submit to God.

Lesson/Class Outline:

Biblical Manhood is designed to be taught in a class setting which meets every two weeks for an hour or less; or as the manual for the *Biblical Manhood Seminar* which *Focusing on the Mark Ministries* hosts. The study may also be done independently.

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Let's get started

LESSON 1, THE FOUNDATION & THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

STARTING OFF:

PERSONALLY KNOWING JESUS CHRIST **INTIMATELY** – OUR FOUNDATION

Scripture:

For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. 1 Corinthians 3:9-15 KJV

Having received Jesus Christ and having a relationship with Him is the foundation of Biblical Manhood. If a boy wants to become a man, he must learn from someone, and he will almost always regards this person as a role model and mentor. However, the best role model is not a human, He is Jesus Christ. From Him, a boy can

learn humility, true-strength, trust, faith, integrity, patience, honesty, self-control, determination, and more.

The Toolbox—explanation in class

Watch video of *The Toolbox* here:

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(*The Toolbox* is a special feature of the Biblical Manhood study which is only given when the author presents this study in a seminar and/or class setting.)

Note Space for the *Toolbox* contents:

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THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

“But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” 1

Timothy 5:8 KJV

We have a responsibility to work. From the time of Adam to Jesus Christ to right now, men have been working and fulfilling the providing desire and mandate that God has given them. Maybe, just maybe, ***we are joyful when we do the will of our Father.***

Think about what work is:

School is work, earning money is work, chores are work, serving at church is work, etc . . .

What types of work do you like?

What type of work do you dislike?

What work do you, *personally*, need to **work on**?

BIBLE READINGS AND DESCRIPTION:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

Read

- † Gen 1:26-3:24 ~ *Creation of Man to the Fall of Humankind*
- † Gen. 11:1-9 ~ *Mankind's attempt for Fame: Babel*
- † Gen. 12 ~ *God's Calling of Abram (Note: God later changes Abram's (meaning "High Father") name to Abraham "Father of a Multitude." These name meanings are taken from *Hitchcock's Dictionary of Bible Names*)*
- † Gen. 14 ~ *Abram rescues Lot*
- † Gen. 19:1-29 ~ *God saves His own from the Destruction of the two Wicked Cities*
- † Gen. 24 ~ *God's working on our behalf in meeting the One we will marry (Note: we will come back to this Scripture passage later.)*
- † Gen. 32:22-32 ~ *Jacob wrestles with God, (Note: I am not advocating wrestling against sww*
- † *God's power.)*

LESSON 2, A MAN'S FIGHTS

A Man's Fight – A Regular Devotion Time

Sometimes it bores us to read the Bible. We think, “Why would I waste the time to read the Bible and pray? I can do that stuff at church.” This thinking is false. If we truly love our Lord and Savior then why do we not *spend time* with Him?

We need to realize that as we study the Bible we can learn about the Lord and how He wants us to live. As we pray, read the Bible, intercede, ask, petition, and wait in silence we can know the Lord! Knowing the Lord personally and having Him speak to you is why a regular devotion time is so important. Without it we can easily get sidetracked and forget God's truth and be deceived by falsehood. We must be in the Bible to have our minds renewed and transformed to be like Christ's! However, heed this warning: do not lean on your own understanding as you read the Word, but allow the Holy Spirit to teach you its application to your life as you read it.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Work and Laziness

Each man has a fight to pick with laziness. But he also has a fight to pick with work. You see, a man can work too much, making his work an idol.

Another Angle

Often times, we are entertained by our video games and technology so much that we neglect our responsibilities around the home and, sometimes, even our personal cleanliness. We like to beat the six hundredth level of Game Boy’s newest release or we want to build Legos all day long, so we put off our chores, school work, and, at times, even our regular time with God. This type of lifestyle is simply called laziness and it has to go if we want to get anywhere in our life, especially spiritually.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Fight – Defender

As men, we are to defend the truth and those that cannot defend themselves. And just because you might not be a “full grown” man doesn’t mean that you can’t defend truth and others. When a soldier goes off to war, he does not have to only defend his country, but his family, his beliefs, and those whom he will never meet.

A DEFENDER IS WILLING TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR THE CAUSE AND THE PEOPLE THAT HE DEFENDS. THIS IS AN INTENSE BATTLE AND IT RAGES EVERY DAY AS MEN MAKE DECISIONS WHICH WILL IMPACT THEIR FUTURE AND THE FUTURES OF THOSE WHOM THEY WILL NEVER MEET.

Are you a defender?

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Against Revenge

Scripture: Romans 12:19-21

We all ***like to get back at the people*** that annoy us or hurt us. But that intense desire to slap someone back is **revenge**. And revenge is *not our responsibility*. Yes, we are to defend, but there is a point where defense ends and revenge picks up the bat or the gun and goes the next dangerous step because of our hate.

Do you struggle with Revenge?

Yes ☐ No ☐

As Christians, **we must forgive (Matt. 6:14-15)**. This does not mean that we agree with everybody's choices or lifestyle. But it does mean that we understand that our ultimate battle our ultimate battle is not against the people of this world, but the spiritual evils that attack it and rule it. The battle will not end until Christ sets up His eternal kingdom.

Do you agree?

In short, we don't have to worry about getting even, because our

God is a **just God** and if He wills it, He will punish the other person on this earth, but shouldn't we ask Him to have mercy on that person, that they will repent, like Christ did to His persecutors, instead of cursing or asking hell upon them? We should not take joy and happiness in seeing those we dislike suffer; but we should rejoice when God Providentially wages war on our behalf against the evil that we face. For example stealing is wrong, period. God has that rule to protect us and to enable us to live a life that is much more fulfilling than always looking over our shoulder in fear. Let's let Him take the vengeance.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Truth

Defending the **True Truth** is usually very difficult. But how will we know the truth if we don't know The Truth, the **One** who *gives* and *is* Truth? The answer is: we can't! God wants to know you personally, as your closest friend, but building a friendship like that takes **time** *and* a lot of **commitment**. Will you begin to pursue Him with a commitment to learn His Truth? Why or why not?

We will be deceived unless we know the One who will show us truth. That One is, **JESUS, THE ROOT OF ALL TRUTH (JOHN 14:6)**. If we get to know Him and are willing to seek Him, studying

and working to build our relationship with Him, He will show us Himself to us and we will acquire truth. But the key question that I want you to keep in mind is: **will I give everything up to obey Christ?** If you are willing to say yes to that and truly live by that answer, then God can do wonders through you and to you because have surrendered your will. *He does not force us to obey Him. We have a choice and that choice determines if we will know the **True Truth.***

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Lust

Lust is passionately wanting (desiring) something that is contrary to God's will so badly that you feel like you will die without it. We can shorten the definition to **an ungodly desire**. To clarify, we can desire the things of God as we delight ourselves in His Word and, as a result, desire the right things as the Lord purifies our hearts (Psalm 37:4). Or we can desire (**lust**) the things that are not of God like greed, pride, premarital sex, and revenge. This particular battle becomes harder the older you get, because you begin to desire more things that are contrary to the will of God. ***The only way to be ready then is to start the battle now.*** Stand up Young Men of God!

God will be with you, but you have to stand against the temptation to lust and actively fight against those wrong desires (1 Cor. 10:12-13; 2 Cor. 10:2-5). **YOU CAN WIN WITH GOD!**

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Fight – Family

You will have the responsibility to lead your future family one day; that is, assuming that you marry, and some personal preparation will go a long way. You can acquire this by studying the Scriptures and observing your own family and your friend’s families to learn how they function. However, if the families you observe do not line up with the principles of the Bible you must reject them as your model of family. One key need/component of a family is spending time with them. This “time factor” will *become increasingly more difficult* when school gets tougher and when work seems to always be piling up. It will be easy to get frustrated with so much to do and have a family, but there is a way to escape that crazy frustration. The way of escape is *a **relationship with Jesus Christ***. Jesus can give you the strength to make it through the frustrating stuff, the key is trusting and focusing on Him (Matt. 6:33—look it up). It will not always be easy, but persevere anyway!

STAY TRUE TO CHRIST FIRST, AND EVERYTHING ELSE HE HAS FOR YOU WILL COME IN GOOD TIME. –this is true! Check out: Matthew 6:33

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Provider

Since the time of Adam, men have put food on the table for their families. Men have worked hard, selflessly, and humbly. They have served, fought wars, and led armies to **provide protection and a life** for their family. But providing is more than protection and money, it is supporting the members of your family, emotionally, spiritually, physically, and socially. Providing isn't easy, but you have an opportunity to know your true providing character because it is tested every time you step into the shoes of a man.

In what ways are you a provider now? If you're not, will you begin to prepare to be a provider?

Your notes of the subject:

A Man's Fight – Purity

A pure life is a righteous life. . . So how do you acquire spiritual

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