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INTRODUCTION

Welcome aboard! I am delighted to extend greetings on behalf of men from Cincinnati to Singapore, and from New York to Nepal, who are stepping up to the challenge of MAJORING IN MEN®.

My prayer, as you work through this workbook and its corresponding book, is for God to reveal Himself and yourself, pinpointing areas of your life for change and encouraging you in your strengths, convictions and dreams.

Some men will skim through and receive some help. Others—and I trust this means you—will read the books, meditate on the truths and memorize the principles, all with the ambition of becoming great men of courage, mighty men of valor—the heroes desperately needed in today’s world.

My goal is for you to be changed, educated and, most of all, deepened in conviction and revelation that comes only from drawing close to God. My dream in preparing this course is for men to rise up throughout the world to study further, teach better and reach more men than I have. To that end and for that purpose, I have devoted my life and labor for the last fifty years.

This may well be one of the most life-changing experiences of your life. Let it be. Better yet—make it be. Truth is like soap. It works only if it’s applied.

I admire you for taking this step.

Statement of Ministry

“I have been called to speak with a prophetic voice to the men of this generation and commissioned with a ministry majoring in men to declare a standard for manhood, and that standard is ‘manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous.’”

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The Masculinity Crisis &
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I. The Masculinity Crisis (Chapter 1)

A. We have a crisis in ____________________________ and in ____________________________. (page 5)

1. In articles, men are routinely criticized for not spending time with family, not being sensitive, etc. In the workplace, men are to behave aggressively, make the sale, create the new project, win the contract. Average men try to cope with these conflicting messages by ____________________________. They end up ____________________________ their identity. (page 7)

2. People are motivated by what they think is important in this world, whether or not that perception is true. (page 7) ___ True ___ False

3. Where is the essence of real manhood found? (circle one) (page 8)
   a. in how he looks          b. in who he is          c. in what he does

4. What is the answer for the masculinity crisis? (page 8)

For Further Study

“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” Proverbs 23:7 AMP.

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life” Proverbs 4:23.

Moral cowardice causes men to shrink from duty and danger, to dread pain and to yield to fear – 1 Samuel 15:24. The fear of man is a form of moral cowardice – Proverbs 29:25; Moral cowardice is the ruin of manhood – Numbers 13:33.
B. Real manhood is found within ______________________________________________________. (page 10)

1. God is interested in the “inner man,” his moral character. (page 10) ___ True ___ False

2. Read: “The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly” Proverbs 20:27.

3. The quality of a product depends on: (circle one) (page 11)
   a. the value of the producer.   b. the quality of the material used.   c. the market.

4. The cheaper the merchandise: (circle one) (page 11)
   a. the more you need to pray.   b. the weaker the market.   c. the higher the gloss.

5. Give some examples of areas where these principles are true. (page 12)

C. Every man is limited in life by three things: (page 13)

1. ___________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

For Further Study
The story of the bramble, as an example of weak men ascending to leadership – Judges 9:7-15
Truth is not an option in life – Zechariah 8:16. Truth is the bedrock of integrity. Your personal integrity is the cornerstone of your character – Psalm 24:4, 5.
Moral courage enables a person to encounter hatred, disapproval and contempt without departing from what is right – Psalm 119:157. Examples: Gideon – Judges 6, 7; David – 1 Samuel 17; Daniel – Daniel 6; John the Baptist – Matthew 14:3-10; Stephen – Acts 7; Paul – Acts 27; 28:1-6.
D. Private philosophy determines ________________________________. (page 14)

E. Charm is for the __________________ and deals with the ______________________.
   Character is ______________________ and deals with the ______________________. (pages 14-15)

F. Life is composed of our __________________, constructed by our __________ and revealed by our
   ______________________________. (page 15)

II. The Substitute Society (Chapter 2)

A. Substituting ______________ values for ______________ in __________________ can be devastating. (page 18)

   1. Define the 1960’s teaching method called “Values Clarification.” (page 19)

      ______________________________________________________
      ______________________________________________________
      ______________________________________________________

For Further Study
Abraham’s and Lot’s decisions – Genesis 13; 19
Integrity – Firm adherence to a code of especially moral values; Incorruptibility (Dictionary definition)
“I beg you … to live and act in a way worthy of those who have been chosen for such wonderful blessings as
these” Ephesians 4:1 TLB.
Giving cannot be a substitute for obedience – 1 Samuel 15:22; Proverbs 21:27.
2. Many of those caught up in our substitute society are claiming that bad is good and good is bad. In doing so, they try to: (circle all that apply) (pages 20-21)
   a. live a lie rather than embrace truth
   b. justify their inconsistencies
   c. make God into their own image rather than conform to His image

3. Read: “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” Isaiah 5:20.

B. Those of us who want to be real men must seek to live on a higher level and recognize these ___________________ tendencies, bracing ourselves with ___________________ and ___________________. (page 22)

1. Read: “He will completely fool those who are on their way to hell because they have said ‘no’ to the Truth; they have refused to believe it and love it, and let it save them, so God will allow them to believe lies with all their heart, and all of them will be justly judged for believing falsehood, refusing the Truth, and enjoying their sins” 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 TLB.

For Further Study
Bad is good or good is bad – “Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually” Psalm 52:1; Proverbs 17:15; “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves” Romans 1:21-24; Romans 8:29; “For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners!” Luke 7:33-34.
2. Men make substitutions in the most intimate parts of their lives, their _________________.
   What are the two discussed?  (page 23)
   a. ____________________________________  b. _______________________________________

3. The Church has also made substitutions. Name six areas.  (page 23)
   a. _______________________________________________________________
   b. _______________________________________________________________
   c. _______________________________________________________________
   d. _______________________________________________________________
   e. _______________________________________________________________
   f. _______________________________________________________________

C. Many religious people are simply _________________________________ to the Word of God.
   This is often a form of _________________________________.  (page 24)

D. What is perhaps the greatest substitution error in the Church?  (page 25) _________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

E. Society is hooked on substitutes; real men go for the real thing—___________________________.  (page 25)

For Further Study

Love and obedience, not religious ritual – “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” John 15:13; “Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter” 2 Corinthians 7:9-11.
   “If ye love me, keep my commandments” John 14:15.
   “So they come as though they are sincere and sit before you listening. But they have no intention of doing what I tell them to; they talk very sweetly about loving the Lord, but with their hearts they are loving their money” Ezekiel 33:31 TLB; “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” James 1:22.
Practical:

1. Read: 2 Timothy 4:3-4 and Ezekiel 33:32. What do these verses say about society? About you? What can you do to protect yourself and your family from the “substitute society”?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

2. In what ways has your own masculinity been “emasculated” (or weakened)? What can you do this week to strengthen yourself?

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, in Jesus’ Name, I know that I, too, come from a weakened state of manhood, and I need to be filled with Your power and strength. I admit my failures in following society, and I commit myself today to live as a Christlike man. Thank You for receiving me and my manhood. Amen.

For Further Study

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” Matthew 7:21.

Substitutions – “So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king’s house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king’s house. And when the king entered into the house of the Lord, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the Lord turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and also in Judah things went well” 2 Chronicles 12:9-12.

“And I will give them a heart to recognize, understand and be acquainted with Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be My people and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart” Jeremiah 24:7 AMP.
Self Test Lesson 1

1. The quality of the product depends on the quality of the _____________________________ used.
   The cheaper the merchandise, the higher the _____________________________.

2. Name the three things that limit every man in life.
   a. ____________________________________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________________________

3. Give a short meaning of what the Parable of the Bramble Bush illustrates. ______________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

4. _____________________________________________________________ determines public performance.

5. What is the only thing left after the charm wears off? ______________________________

6. Fame can come in a moment, but greatness comes with: (circle one)
   a. longevity          b. pain              c. a price tag

7. Name two ways men make substitutions in the intimate parts of their lives.
   a. __________________________________________
   b. __________________________________________

8. The image lie. One problem contributing to the crisis in men today is the reward system offered for
   presenting a great exterior. What are some problems that arise through this thinking? ____________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

9. In a substitute society, what has society substituted for absolutes? ______________________________

10. What are some areas in which the Church has been guilty of substitution? ____________________________

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 2
Cracks in the Mirror & Behold the Man
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I. Cracks in the Mirror (Chapter 3)

A. A man can go for the image or the stuff of life behind the image. The results are a ______________ man or a _______________________. (page 26)

B. Name three identities a man has to deal with. (page 26)

1. __________________________________________________________________ ______________________

2. __________________________________________________________________ ______________________

3. __________________________________________________________________ ______________________

C. Why was it important for the Lord to magnify Moses’ successor, Joshua, in front of Israel? (page 28)

_________________________________________________________________ ___________________________

_________________________________________________________________ ___________________________

D. Which of the following popular “buzzwords” in business advertising requires character to live up to? (circle one) (page 29)

1. integrity 2. you deserve this 3. new! 4. individual rights

For Further Study

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” 2 Corinthians 3:18.

“On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life” Joshua 4:14.


As disciples, it is our right to know the truth – John 8:31, 32. Learn to discern between good and evil, the truth and a lie – 1 Kings 3:9. Don’t be moved by every person’s personality, persuasion and belief – Ephesians 4:14. “Stop listening to teaching that contradicts what you know is right” Proverbs 19:27 TLB; “Only a simpleton believes what he is told! A prudent man checks to see where he is going” Proverbs 14:15 TLB; “And let the peace … from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts” Colossians 3:15 AMP; “But you have received the Holy Spirit and he lives within you, in your hearts … he teaches you all things, and he is the Truth” 1 John 2:27 TLB.
E. What truth about “counsel” is found in the history of Rehoboam and Jeroboam? (page 30)

F. Use the following words to complete the sentences below: (pages 31-33)
identity virtue imagine renew create

1. We are motivated to become what we __________________________ ourselves to be.
2. The most powerful thing a man can do is __________________________ an image.
3. The __________________________ crisis must be resolved to reach maturity.
4. To think correctly, you must __________________________ your mind through the Word of God.
5. Men and nations are not great by virtue of their wealth but by the wealth of their ________________.

G. How can we resist false images of ourselves? (page 32) __________________________

H. Image-makers are powerful today. What does God want us to understand about image? (page 33)

I. A man’s ________________ are the expression of his nature. (page 33)

   1. Our words say volumes about our __________________________. (page 33)
   2. Why was Esau a “profane person”? (pages 33-34) __________________________

For Further Study

“Of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage” 2 Peter 2:19.
Base your life on the Word – “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1; “Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high” Hebrews 1:3.
“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature” Colossians 1:15
“Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain” Exodus 20:7.
“Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright” Hebrews 12:16
3. Moral character emanates from the __________________________ of a man’s being.  (page 33)

J. God desires us to:  (circle one)  (page 34)
1. cover our nature by projecting an image we want others to believe.
2. have our nature changed by identifying ourselves with the person of Jesus Christ.
3. have our nature changed by what others say about us.

K. Read: “Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life” Proverbs 4:23 NIV.

II. Behold the Man (Chapter 4)

A. How long did Jesus prepare for ministry?  (page 37)  __________________________
1. __________________________ is the virtue of preparation.  (page 37)

2. What are some truths we should derive from this aspect of Jesus’ life?  (page 37)
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________
   __________________________________________

3. Though a Man of grace and gentleness, Jesus’ acute sense of right and wrong made Him __________________________ to rebuke those deserving condemnation.  (page 38)

4. Jesus was not afraid of controversy. The splendor of His person was such that no man _________ __________________________.  (page 38)

For Further Study
Personality is after the outward man and is temporal; it is not the same as character – 1 Samuel 16:7; Proverbs 26:23. Character and the honor of God – obedience to His Word honors God; disobedience dishonors Him – 1 Samuel 15:22-23; Proverbs 14:2. A man who honors God privately will show good character in his decisions – Psalm 119:101-104. God commits to character, not talent – 2 Timothy 2:2; Matthew 25:21; Luke 16:10. Becoming Christlike – Christ’s humility – Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 16; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 15:33; Philippians 2:1-11; James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:5-6. Christ’s ministry of reconciliation – “And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation” 2 Corinthians 5:18. The Christian’s purpose – “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15. Christ’s Kingdom – John 18:36
B. What was Jesus’ greatest source of preparation? (page 38) __________________________

Read: “And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, And rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way” Luke 4:28-30.

C. Jesus’ _________________ knew no bounds. His _________________ knew no limits. (page 40)

D. Jesus taught that a man is only qualified to lead to the degree that he is ____________________________ _____________________________. (page 40)

1. True ____________________________ is realized in true humility. (page 40)
2. What is the essence of humility? ____________________________ (page 40)

E. In looking at the great men of history, what did Jesus do that none of them were able to? (page 41)

________________________________________________________________________

Practical:

2. Read: “In him was life; and the life was the light of men” John 1:4.

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Lord, I accept what I’ve learned in this lesson. Please reveal to me every area of my life that does not live up to the image of Christ, so I can repent and start fresh in light of what You’re teaching me. Please help me commit these principles to my memory and hide them in my heart. In Jesus’ Name, I pray, Amen.

For Further Study

Lead by serving – “But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” Matthew 20:26-28.

Christ suffering injustice – “And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But he passing through the midst of them went his way” Luke 4:24, 30; John 19:6; Matthew 27:24.

The Christ life – “In him was life; and the life was the light of men” John 1:4; Not a life of religious servitude – Matthew 21:12; 23:13-33; John 8:7, 11.

Christ’s compassion – Matthew 25:40
Self Test Lesson 2

1. What is the difference between a “fabricated” man and a real man?
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________

2. What are three identities a man has to deal with?
   a. ________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________________________

3. A man’s true integrity is found in:  (circle one)
   a. his company worth  b. his ideal of himself  c. his personal character

4. What connection was made between “counselors” and “kings”?
   ________________________________________________________________

5. We are motivated to become what we _________________________ ourselves to be.

6. The most powerful thing a man can do is create an image. ___ True ___ False

7. To think correctly, you must __________________ your mind through the Word of God.

8. Men and nations are great by virtue of their wealth. ___ True ___ False

9. Jesus had thirty years of preparation for three years of ministry. What is one truth we see through this?
   ________________________________________________________________

10. What is the greatest thing Jesus did to prepare for ministry? _____________________________

11. What did Jesus do to assure Himself of right decisions? _____________________________
    Is this pattern right for us? _________

12. A man is only qualified to lead to the degree that he is ______________________

13. True nobility comes from ______________________

14. John 1:4 says, “In Him was ___________________; and the ___________________ was the light of men.”

   Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 3
The Power of Life & Life-Changing Values
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I. The Power of Life (Chapter 5)

A. Draw a line between phrases to create four basic principles. (page 42)
   1. Communication is the a. key to life.
   2. Exchange is the b. power of life.
   3. Balance is the c. process of life.
   4. Agreement is the d. basis of life.

B. ________________ doesn’t make the man; it only exposes a man for what he is. (page 43)
   1. The only constant in maturity is __________________________. (page 43)
   2. Change customarily produces __________________________. (page 43)

C. Name some forms of death. (pages 43-44)
   1. ______________________ 3. _______________________ 5. ______________________
   2. ______________________ 4. _______________________ 6. ______________________

For Further Study
Reliable communication – “Reliable communication permits progress” Proverbs 13:17 TLB; Mark 4:11-12, 23-24.
Rules for communication – With others – “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” James 1:19; With wives – “Husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered” 1 Peter 3:7; With children – “And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord” Ephesians 6:4.
Agreement – Genesis 11:6; Exodus 13:18; Amos 3:3; “If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven” Matthew 18:19; Every city or house divided against itself shall not stand – Matthew 12:25.
D. Fill in the blanks to complete eight propositions concerning death. (pages 44-45)

1. To the Christian, death is only a __________________________ from one state of being to another that is ______________________.
2. Death is only an __________________ when it occurs outside of ______________________.
3. Any death in Christ must be followed by a ____________________________ or it is not in Christ.
4. The resurrection is the ultimate ____________________________.
5. Jesus established a principle when He said, “He that findeth his ____________ __ shall lose it: and he that loseth his ____________ __ for my sake shall find it” Matthew 10:39.
6. For the Christian, there are many forms of dying to ________________________.
7. ____________________ _____ ___ death can occur in many ways, but in many countries, it is mitigated by ____________________________ laws.
8. There is death, and there is a “____________________ of ____________________.”

E. Name the fivefold temptations men like Elijah suffer. (page 46)

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________

For Further Study
Death in Christ – “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory” 1 Corinthians 15:53-54; 1 Corinthians 3:22; Matthew 10:39.
Temptation – “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God ... Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him” Matthew 4:1-11; Romans 4:25.
Elijah’s ordeal – 1 Kings 18-19
F. Failing is not the worst thing in the world. What is? ________________________ (page 47)

G. What is the real secret to success in ministry, life and marriage? (page 49)

H. Death and resurrection go together. The ______________________ and the ______________________ are incomplete without one another. (page 49)

II. Life-Changing Values (Chapter 6)

A. Use the following words to fill in the characteristics God gave man to live a Christlike life. (page 51)

will words moral excellence reproduce truth

1. Capacity to know ______________________
2. Ability to recognize ______________________
3. Power to exercise our ________________
4. Creative power in our _____________
5. Right and ability to _______________________

For Further Study

Death and resurrection – “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do” Romans 7:19; “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” Romans 8:2; Luke 22:41-44; “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” John 10:10.

Never quit – “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” Philippians 3:13-14.

“Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” James 2:18.
B. Name three differences between “preference” and “conviction.” (page 55)

1. Convictions are ________________________________.
2. Under pressure, convictions grow ________________________________.
3. People who live by preference always dislike those who hold ________________________________.

C. Fill in the blanks to complete these eight propositions concerning life’s value systems.

1. Some things in life are more important than ______________________________. (page 55)
2. The ________________________________ is more important than the ________________________________. (page 57)
3. Money clarifies your ________________________________. (page 60)
4. Whoever dictates your ________________________________ becomes your ________________________________. (page 61)
5. Individual ________________________________ cannot exceed the corporate ________________________________. (page 62)
6. Fathers provide the family’s ________________________________. (page 63)
7. Values can be ________________________________ then ________________________________. (page 64)
8. Everything in life has ________________________________. (page 65)

For Further Study

Preferences – “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica” 2 Timothy 4:10; “And Esau came from the field, and he was faint: And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint … And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me? … thus Esau despised his birthright” Genesis 25:29-34; “But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” 2 Peter 2:22.

Convictions – “Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward” Hebrews 11:26; Daniel 3, 6; 2 Chronicles 16:9; “For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias’ sake, his brother Philip’s wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her … And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison” Matthew 14:3-11.
D. When a man claims his value system is his own, he becomes his own _____________________.

1. It’s the ___________________________ responsibility to provide a family’s value system.

2. What is the biblical pattern for the discipleship of the family? (page 64) ___________________________

3. The greatest value of a father’s legacy is the _________________ he leaves in his child’s life.

E. Timing is the _______________________________________________________ in success.

1. Time has _________________________ value. 3. Time spent is ____________.

2. Time wasted is ______________. 4. Time invested is __________________________.

For Further Study
Valuing the internal – “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal” 2 Corinthians 4:18.

Valuing your name and reputation – “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold” Proverbs 22:1.

Valuing things – “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not” 2 Peter 2:3.

Valuing God’s Word – “I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed” Jeremiah 23:25.
Practical:

1. Jesus’ motivation was love for the Father. His mission was to seek and save the lost. His ministry is as our “Prophet, Priest and King.” (page 56) How do you believe these would parallel the motivation, mission and ministry of a real man? ___________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father God, I reject the spirit of death that would try to defeat me. I appropriate the blood of Jesus over those “dead” areas of my life and believe You for a resurrection through Christ. Regardless of what others do, I choose to be a man of conviction, not preference—the right man, at the right time, in the right place. Amen.

For Further Study

Valuing others – “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” John 10:11.
Valuing Christian leaders – “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine” 1 Timothy 5:17.
Valuing money – “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” Luke 12:34.
Protecting against others’ poor values and preferences – “Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat” 1 Corinthians 5:6, 11; “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump” Galatians 5:9.
Self Test Lesson 3

1. What are the four principles in life every man needs to understand?
   a. Communication is the _______________________.
   b. Exchange is the ____________________________.
   c. Balance is the _______________________________.
   d. Agreement is the ____________________________.

2. The only constant in maturity is ____________________.

3. Dying physically is the only form of death. ___ True ___ False

4. What must any “death” in Christ be followed by? ________________________________________________

5. Failing is the worst thing in the world that can happen to a man. ___ True ___ False

6. What does lower morality lead to? ________________________________________________________________

7. Under pressure, convictions grow __________________________.

8. Who provides the family’s value system? __________________________________________________________

9. What is the essential ingredient in success? ______________________________________________________

10. Name three forms of dying to self. ____________________ ________ ______ ______ ____________________

11. In Paul’s time, what was a possible punishment for someone convicted of deliberately plotting murder?
    ________________________________________________________________________________________
    ________________________________________________________________________________________

12. Convictions are to be negotiable. ___ True ___ False

13. Fill in the following as they refer to Jesus Christ:
   a. His basic motivation was _________________________________________________________________.
   b. His mission was _________________________________________________________________.
   c. His ministry is _________________________________________________________________.

14. Whoever dictates your values becomes your: (circle one) a. friend    b. employer    c. god

15. Leaders ___________________________ to influence; followers ___________________________ to influence.

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 4
Maximizing Your Resources &
Staying on Top
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I. Maximizing Your Resources (Chapter 7)

A. As men, we are _______________________________ first and foremost. (page 69)

1. We do not own what we do not ___________________. Our __________________________ are not ours to keep, but rather ours to __________________ and ____________________. (page 69)

2. What are some areas of life where we have been guilty of poor stewardship? (page 70)

B. Ministers do not own the ministry they are in; they are only stewards of the ________________ God has given them. (page 71)

1. Read: “But anyone who is not aware that he is doing wrong will be punished only lightly. Much is required from those to whom much is given, for their responsibility is greater” Luke 12:48 TLB.

2. What are some reasons ministers/leaders should be careful about “taking succession” into their own hands? (page 72)

For Further Study

Stewards – “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth” Genesis 1:26; “And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it” Genesis 2:15; “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” 1 Peter 4:10.

Succession – “So Isaac went away from there and pitched his tent in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there. And Isaac dug again the wells of water which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham; and he gave them the names by which his father had called them” Genesis 26:17-18; “Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished” Ecclesiastes 4:13.
3. What lesson can we learn from Abraham and Isaac regarding succession? 

_________________________________________________ _______________________________________

_________________________________________________ _______________________________________

4. Sons can inherit ministries, but they cannot inherit ___________________ ______________. (page 73)

C. Are the following statements about men and their ministries True or False? (pages 70-74)

1. It takes a man to admit he’s wrong. ___ True ___ False
2. The Kingdom of God runs on sentiment. ___ True ___ False
3. To whom much is given, from him much is required. ___ True ___ False
4. Ministers own their ministries. ___ True ___ False
5. Men are stewards of their vote. ___ True ___ False

D. The _______________ _________ is the vital force behind the vision of any ministry or business. (page 73)

E. God gave Adam a direct charge to _______________, _______________ and _______________, which translates into: _______________, _______________ and _______________. (page 74)

II. Staying on Top (Chapter 8)

A. Prayer produces ______________________________. (page 76)

For Further Study

Stewardship of: Ministry – “While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled” John 17:12; Talents – “But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more” Luke 12:48; Wives – “So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church” Ephesians 5:28-29.

Faithfulness – “Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” 1 Corinthians 4:2.

Ministry requirements – “This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work” 1 Timothy 3:1; Reputation – Ethics – Morality – Temperament – Habits – Maturity.
B. Name eleven ways God speaks to men. (pages 78-79)

1. His ______________
2. An ______________
3. ______________
4. ______________
5. ______________
6. Spirit to ______________
7. ______________
8. ______________ counsel
9. ______________ of the ______________
10. ______________
11. ______________ of the heart

C. Circle the correct answer that completes each of the following sentences. (pages 79-81)

1. God sends a word, gives it __________ and brings healing to the world.
   a. an amplifier      b. a body      c. a church group
2. All God’s work begins with His __________.
   a. word              b. power       c. Heaven
3. The pattern of revelation and the process of crystallization follow the __________.
   a. word              b. power       c. obedience of men
4. It is easier to obtain than to ______________.
   a. steal             b. maintain    c. give up

For Further Study
God’s Word – Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3
Audible Voice – Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Acts 9:3-5
Angels – Judges 6:12; Matthew 1:20
Dreams – Genesis 37:5; Matthew 1:20
Visions – Acts 10:10; 26:19; Revelation 1:9-20
Spirit to spirit – Luke 2:26; “As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said” Acts 13:2; “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God … The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” Romans 8:14-16.
Prophets – Luke 1:67-70; Ephesians 2:19-22; “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets” Hebrews 1:1
Wise Counsel – Acts 5:34; Proverbs 11:14
Desires – “Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart” Psalm 37:4.
5. Revelation inspires change through the ____________________________________________________.
   a. natural progression of evolution   b. expulsive power of a new affection
6. God never explains Himself; He ______________________ Himself.
   a. announces   b. reveals   c. gets mad at

D. List the pattern and process of revelation and crystallization.  (pages 81-82)

1. _______________________________  4. _______________________________
2. _______________________________  5. _______________________________
3. _______________________________  6. _______________________________

E. Draw a line to match the following.  (page 82)

1. The sin of youth a. pride
2. The sin of middle age b. prejudice
3. The sin of old age c. passion

F. Read: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and
   void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the
   waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” Genesis 1:1-3.

Read: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1.

For Further Study

Christ’s nature – “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be
partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” 2 Peter 1:4;
“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” 2 Corinthians 5:17; “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions” Psalm 107:20; Malachi 4:2; John 1:1, 14.
Revelation – “In the beginning God” Genesis 1:1-3; “In the beginning was the Word” John 1:1.
“The just shall live by faith” Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17.
Sanctification – “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and
body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Corinthians 6:17.
Power – Acts 1:8
Renewal – Romans 12:2; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Matthew 9:17
G. In relationships, distance is measured by ____________________________, intimacy is measured by ____________________________. The more ____________________________ the application, the more distant the worshiper to the ____________________________ __________________. (page 81)

H. Institutionalization can be described as men going through the motions without _____________________________. (page 82)

I. What are some identifying factors of being in the area of “crystallization”? (page 82)

1. How do men determine the process of “crystallization”? (page 82)

2. Where in today’s life can we readily see this pattern? (page 83)

J. What critical responsibility must all men accept to keep from “crystallization”? (page 85)

K. Why did Israel suffer defeat at the battle of Ai? (page 87)

For Further Study
Taking the Word to future generations – Joshua 4:4-9; Judges 2:10
Fresh manna – “And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted” Exodus 16:16-21.
Abiding in Christ – “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing” John 15:5.
Battle of Ai – Joshua 6-7
Three basic sins – “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat” Genesis 3:6.
L. How does God meet the needs of contemporary society?  (page 87)

Practical:

1. Discuss what is meant by “the more a man serves, the greater he becomes.”  (page 75)

2. Think about your place of work. Fill in what person or department fills these roles:

   Visionary ______________________________________________________

   Administrator _________________________________________________

   Ruler __________________________________________________________

3. At what point in the process of crystallization are you in each of these areas?
   (not necessary to write out)

   marriage    children    career    Christian walk

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, I repent for not leading by serving others. I repent for not seeking fresh revelation. I ask, in the Name of Jesus, for help in becoming the man You created me to be in every area of my life. I set my face like flint toward the image of Christlikeness. You are teaching me, and I refuse to be discouraged! Amen.

For Further Study

Abiding fresh in Christ – “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” 1 John 2:15-17; “Abide in me, and I in you ... I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing ... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples ... If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love” John 15:4-10; “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” John 17:7.
Self Test Lesson 4

1. Man has been given what three basic responsibilities?
   a. ___________________________  b. ___________________________  c. ___________________________

2. Anything we actually possess, we own. ___ True ___ False

3. The Kingdom of God runs on sentiment. ___ True ___ False

4. Abraham’s sons inherited his ministry, but each had to do what? _____________________________

5. Who is the real force behind a vision? _____________________________________________

6. What is the least a real man must do if he has the power to vote? (circle one)
   a. vote   b. help back candidates   c. go into politics

7. Name four ways God speaks to us today.
   a. _________________________________  c. _________________________________
   b. _________________________________  d. _________________________________

8. Name the six major steps of the Pattern of Revelation.
   a. _________________________________  d. _________________________________
   b. _________________________________  e. _________________________________
   c. _________________________________  f. _________________________________

9. Prejudice is the sin of: (circle one)  a. middle age  b. youth  c. old age

10. To keep a marriage from becoming “crystallized,” what must a man do?
    _____________________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________________

11. What is God’s “large-scope” pattern? _____________________________________________
    ______________________________________
    ______________________________________

12. God is a God of perpetuity. Write a short definition of this description of God.
    _____________________________________________________________________
    _____________________________________________________________________

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 5
The Cornerstone of Character &
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I. The Cornerstone of Character (Chapter 9)

A. Faithfulness – The Cornerstone

1. Read: “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” 2 Timothy 2:2.

2. How would the error of transposition make this Scripture read? (page 89)

3. __________________________________________________________________________ is the cornerstone of character. (page 89)

4. In the Parable of the Talents, we see taught the “Law of Capital” or the “Law of Increase and Decline.” What is the basic definition of this? (page 90) _______________________________________________________________________


For Further Study
Man’s faithfulness – “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” 2 Timothy 2:2; “He who is faithful in a very little [thing], is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing], is dishonest and unjust also in much” Luke 16:10; Luke 19:12-27.

God’s faithfulness – “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations” Deuteronomy 7:9; “Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house” Hebrews 3:2.
6. What was the sin of the steward who hid his talent? (page 90)

7. You can build character in one single defining moment. (page 91)  ___ True  ___ False

B. Indolence and insolence are often the characteristics of the unfaithful.
1. Indolence is ___________________________________________. (page 91)
2. Insolence is passing the __________________________ on to ___________________________. (page 91)

C. Why is it so extremely important to be found faithful with that which is another man’s? (page 92)

1. How did Elisha qualify himself to receive Elijah’s mantle? (pages 92-93)

For Further Study
The poor steward – “Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man ... And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth ... His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath” Matthew 25:24-26, 28-29.
Qualifying to have your own – “And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man’s, who shall give you that which is your own?” Luke 16:12; James 1:22; 2 Kings 3:11; “And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him” Numbers 27:18; “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house” Hebrews 3:1-2.
2. How did Joshua become qualified to take over leadership from Moses? (page 93)

D. Circle the three essential ingredients in faithfulness. (pages 93-94)
constancy diplomacy leadership submission responsibility loyalty

E. In your own words, define sedition. (page 94)

1. What is the solution to sedition? (page 96)

2. What does a faithful man do when he’s been unfaithful? (page 98)

For Further Study
Stewardship failure – Proverbs 11:13; “The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such” Galatians 5:19-21; “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry” Colossians 3:5; “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)” Ephesians 2:1-5.
The answer to sedition is submission – James 4:7; Ephesians 5:21.
II. Nothing but the Truth (Chapter 10)

A. Truth is mankind’s greatest ______________________________ in ___________________. (page 99)

2. The more we base our life on truth, the better will be our ________________, and the greater will be our ________________. (page 100)

B. Why can we say “to change the corporate community, the individual must change”? (page 102)

_______________________________________

_______________________________________

C. Why is it right to say that “trust is extended to the limit of truth and no more”? (page 103)

_______________________________________

_______________________________________

For Further Study
Absalom’s rebellion – 2 Samuel 15:1-6; 18:9-15
The prodigal son’s rebellion – Luke 15:11-32
Adhering to God’s Word – Ezekiel 33:30-33
Jesus is Truth – “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” John 14:6; “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” John 8:32.
Obstacles to Truth – 2 Corinthians 4:4; “And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter” Isaiah 59:14.
Mingled seed – “Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee” Leviticus 19:19.
Partaking of another man’s sins – “Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure” 1 Timothy 5:22.
D. Name the three basic characteristics of sin. (page 104)
1. _______________________ 2. _______________ 3. _______________________________

E. What was the difference between King David and King Saul? (page 105)
___________________________________________________________________

F. A lack of truth leads to a lack of _______________________. (page 106)
1. When a woman can no longer ________________________ a man because she cannot trust his word,
she no longer wants to _________________________________. (page 106)
2. Read: “... because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it that they might be saved.
Therefore God sends upon them a misleading influence, a working of error and a strong delusion to
make them believe what is false. In order that all may be judged and condemned who did not
believe in [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely on] the Truth, but [instead] took pleasure in
unrighteousness” 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 AMP.
3. Our freedom from wrong believing is dependent upon our ____________________________to receive
_________________________. (page 108)

For Further Study
Lack of truth – “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from
the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of
his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it” John 8:44; Job 12:11 TLB; 2 Samuel 11-12; “And Nathan said to
David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee
out of the hand of Saul” 2 Samuel 12:7; Psalm 51; Cost Saul the kingdom – “But now thy kingdom shall not
continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain
over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee” 1 Samuel 13:5-14.
Truth will be found out – “Nothing is [so closely] covered up that it will not be revealed, or hidden that it will not
be known” Luke 12:2 AMP; “But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord and be sure your
sin will find you out” Numbers 32:23.
Practical:

1. Think about the sins of sedition. Have you been touched by sedition? As a participant or victim? In what areas of your life do you need to guard against others’ sedition? In what areas do you become tempted to take part in sedition?

2. Read: Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” John 14:6.

3. Determine the correct order of priority: wife God ministry children career
   How closely do you follow your own convictions of these priorities?

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, I come to You like every man, dealing with issues of faithfulness and truthfulness. I ask You to forgive me for every time I’ve failed in these areas and to help me become more of the man of God You intend for me to be. I accept the forgiveness that is mine through Christ Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

For Further Study

Making things right – “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift” Matthew 5:23-24.

Cherish truth – “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” John 8:32; “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding” Proverbs 23:23.
Self Test  Lesson 5

1. Faithfulness is the cornerstone of character. What is the significance of a “cornerstone”?

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2. We are to find men who are extremely able and give them responsibility. ___ True ___ False


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4. The reward for being trustworthy is ____________________________.

5. To qualify for our own, we must be faithful in that which is ____________________________.

6. What is a common type of treason in homes, businesses and churches? ____________________________

7. Give an illustration of how the sin of sedition works.

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_______________________________________________________________________________________________

8. Truth and wisdom can be found merely lying on the surface of life’s strata. ___ True ___ False

9. What has to happen before the corporate community can change?

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

10. Name the three characteristics of sin.
    a. ______________________ b. ______________________ c. ______________________

11. The Lord warned Israel against mingling their seed with that of foreign nations. We are to keep ourselves pure, according to the New Testament. What does this communicate to us considering our respect of truth?

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_______________________________________________________________________________________________

12. Place the following in their correct order of priority.
    Wife    God    Ministry    Children    Career

1 - ___________ 2 - ___________ 3 - ___________ 4 - ___________ 5 - ___________

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 6
Love or Lust &
Royal Pursuits
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Love or Lust & Royal Pursuits

I. Love or Lust (Chapter 11)
   A. Love is the desire to __________________________at the expense of ________ because love desires
      to __________. Lust is the desire to __________________________at the expense of ________________
      because lust desires to ____________. (page 110)

   1. Temptation to sin always comes parading the consequences of sin. (page 110)  ___ True  ___ False
   2. There is no pleasure in sin. (page 111)  ___ True  ___ False

   B. Sins can be forgiven immediately, but the ________________________________ can last a lifetime. (page 111)

      1. When Satan tempts us, he shows us only the immediate _________________________________. (page 111)

      2. The torment of the temptation to sin is nothing compared with the ________________________________ of the
         ________________________________ of sin. (page 111)

      3. How can we “torment the tempter”? (page 112) ___________________________________________

For Further Study

Love gives – “For God so loved the world, that he gave” John 3:16.
Overcoming temptation – “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures
of sin for a season” Hebrews 11:25
Sinfulness – “But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round,
both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the
men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them” Genesis 19:4-5; “Saying,
Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who
thou art; the Holy One of God” Luke 4:34; “And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee,
Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?” Matthew 8:29; “An unjust man is an
abomination to the just: and he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked” Proverbs 29:27.
C. Name some ways in which men lust besides sexual lust. (page 112)

_____________________________________________ _______________________________________________

D. Are lust and peace compatible? (page 112)  ___ Yes  ___ No

E. What are the three basic forms of temptations that Jesus and all of mankind face? (page 113)
   1. __________________________  2. __________________________  3. __________________________

   1. How did Jesus overcome the temptations of Satan? (page 113)
      ____________________________________________________________
   2. Which of the three forms of temptation is “basic covetousness”? (page 115)
      ____________________________________________________________

G. God’s plan for overcoming lust is ______________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________________. (page 119)

H. Read: “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that,
denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present
world” Titus 2:11-12.
   God’s grace empowers man to overcome ___________________. (page 119)

For Further Study

The basic temptations – “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride
of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” 1 John 2:16; “And when the woman saw that the tree was good for
food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof,
and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat” Genesis 3:6.
Judgment – “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the
thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” Genesis 6:5; Genesis 19:24-29; Romans 1:26-32.
Purity – “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”
John 17:3; “The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light”
Matthew 6:22; “The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light;
but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness” Luke 11:34; “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto
them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled” Titus 1:15.
II. Royal Pursuits (Chapter 12)

A. Name the two spiritual kingdoms in the world. (page 121)

1. The characteristics of the kingdom always emanate from the ________________________________.
   (page 122)

2. What are some basic characteristic differences between the two kingdoms? (page 122)

3. All principles originate in the __________________________________________________. (page 122)

   a. Money follows _______________________. One thing men need to know is that money has no
      morality; it is amoral, and its morality is determined by the heart of the _________________.
      (page 123)

   b. Prayer and production — The physical reciprocal to prayer is __________________________.
      Prayer precedes __________________________, but _______________________________ is the
      evidence of __________________________. (page 124)

   c. Spiritual and professional — Seeking first the eternal causes what? (page 126)

For Further Study
Christian living — “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh” Galatians 5:16;
“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind” Ephesians 4:22-23; “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers
temptations” James 1:2; “I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?” Job 31:1.
Kingdom of God – “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again,
he cannot see the kingdom of God” John 3:3; “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and
all these things shall be added unto you” Matthew 6:33.
Work as unto the Lord – “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men” Colossians 3:23;
“For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat” 2 Thessalonians 3:10.
B. God’s organisms differ from organizations in that they deal with the “political expediency,” operate through a ___________________________, make decisions based on ____________________________, accept ____________________________ and attempt to ____________________________. (page 126)

C. What is the major difference between “touch” and “method”? (page 127) ____________________________

D. In seeking God’s Kingdom, what are the five major priorities? (page 128)
1. __________________________ 3. __________________________ 5. __________________________
2. __________________________ 4. __________________________

Practical:

1. Read: Matthew 6:22 and Job 31:1. What does this mean to how you live your life personally?

________________________________________________________________________

2. Remember when you coveted something as a child? Did it pay off? Do you still have it? What can you do today to keep from coveting or wanting things? ______________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, I long to seek Your Kingdom first and trust that everything else in life will be added to that. As I work, let money follow. As I pray, let production follow. Help me to say “no” to temptations of all kinds so I can say “yes” to You. In Jesus’ Name, I pray. Amen.

For Further Study

Production – “For who hath despised the day of small things?” Zechariah 4:10; “And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down” Luke 13:9.

“When a man’s ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him” Proverbs 16:7.

Abide in Christ – 1 John 2:27; “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” John 15:7.

Seek the Lord first – Genesis 13:4; “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success” Joshua 1:8; “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” Matthew 6:33.
Self Test Lesson 6

1. Define love and lust.
   Love is _________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
   Lust is _________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

2. Which verse in the Bible describes the condition of men “burning” in their lusts ______________

3. Men can be tempted to lust in ways other than sexual. Name several.
   a. _________________________________ c. _________________________________
   b. _________________________________ d. _________________________________

4. What are the three major categories of temptation that come to all men?
   a. _________________________________ c. _________________________________
   b. _________________________________

5. Why is covetousness equal to idolatry? _____________________________________________________________

6. How many “spiritual kingdoms” are there? (circle one)
   a. too many to count b. four c. two

7. How does the money we possess receive morality?
   ___________________________________________________________________________

8. God’s provision is always _________________________, _________________________ and _________________________.
   God gives the _________________________, adds _________________________, and _________________________ follows.

9. When God created the Body of Christ, the Church, He created a magnificent organization.
   ___ True ___ False

10. Above all else, the Bible teaches methodology. ___ True ___ False

11. The closer a man is to God, the more a man of the _________________________ he becomes.

12. Principles should be instant, but personalities are constants. ___ True ___ False

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 7
The Cost of Greatness &
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I. The Cost of Greatness (Chapter 13)

A. What brings maturity? (page 131)

1. Greatness comes through ___________________. The more you ________________, the greater you become. (page 132)

2. Read: “Jesus But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister” Matthew 20:25-26.

3. Mark “T” for True and “F” for False in the following statements: (page 132)

___ Jesus’ greatness was intensified by His willingness to serve.

___ Greatness comes through bossing others around.

___ Serving means compensating for what others don’t do.

___ Companies become great by the number of people they serve.

___ Fame and greatness are synonymous.

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For Further Study

Serving – “But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many” Matthew 20:26-28; John 13:1-17; “Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?” Hebrews 1:14; “And said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great” Luke 9:48.

Add to your faith – “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity” 2 Peter 1:5-7.
4. The maturation process: To begin with, acceptance of ________________________________ for sin is necessary. What must be handled first for a positive progression to follow? (page 133)

B. What was Adam’s major mistake? (page 133)

C. What is a basic tenet of fathering? (page 134) _________________________________

Children may not always ___________ us, but they will always ________________ us. (page 136)

D. Individually or corporately, what determines greatness of life? (page 138)

E. What is the best measure of your life? (circle one) (page 138)
   a. prestige  b. power  c. serving  d. fame  e. fortune

For Further Study

Refusing to accept responsibility – “And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” Genesis 3:12; 1 Samuel 13:11.

Accuser of the brethren – “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night” Revelation 12:10.

Recovery from sinfulness – 1 Samuel 30:1-19; 2 Samuel 12:16-17; “Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief” 1 Timothy 1:13, 15.

“Pattern after me, follow my example, as I imitate and follow Christ” 1 Corinthians 11:1 AMP.

Don’t seek vengeance – “I will repay, saith the Lord” Romans 12:19.
II. The Winning Strategy (Chapter 14)
   
   A. Define the following: (page 139)
      
      Knowledge: ________________________________________
      
      Understanding: ________________________________________
      
      Wisdom: ___________________________________________________________________________________
      
      Divine wisdom: _____________________________________________________________________________
      
      Human wisdom: ______________________________________________________
      
   B. What does the Bible teach us considering wisdom for our future? (page 140)
      
      __________________________________________________________
      
      __________________________________________________________
      
   C. Give a definition of the principle “first in intention is last in execution.” (page 141)
      
      __________________________________________________________
      
      __________________________________________________________
      
For Further Study

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding” Proverbs 4:7; Proverbs 3:16-17; “For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof” Proverbs 1:29-31; “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction” Proverbs 1:7; Proverbs 23:9; “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” Psalm 111:10; “And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord” Isaiah 11:2; “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not” James 1:5; “This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy” James 3:15, 17; “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom” 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 3:10.
1. The man who has only ___________________ wisdom invites the devil and the ________________ to ________________________________________________________________. (page 141)

2. Sin is a form of _________________________________. (page 141)

D. Write out a definition of “magical thinking.” (page 144)

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E. Name the steps in the pattern for victory. (page 145)

1. __________________________________ 3. __________________________________

2. __________________________________ 4. __________________________________

F. Where are strategies developed? (page 145) __________________________________

Where are victories seen? (page 145) __________________________________

For Further Study

The wise steward – “And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he called every one of his lord’s debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light” Luke 16:1-8.
Practical:

1. Read: “Your care for others is the measure of your greatness” Luke 9:48 TLB.

Rank your own greatness based on this principle. Place an “I” where you would rank yourself, a “W” where your wife would rank you, a “C” where your children would rank you and an “E” for where your employer would rank you.

1 ___________________________ 5 ___________________________ 10
little greatness moderate greatness great!

2. Why are fame and greatness not the same thing?

3. Give some Biblical examples of great fathering, great leadership and great wisdom.

For Further Study

David’s strategy for victory – 2 Samuel 5:22-25
Satan’s fall – Ezekiel 28:14-17
Magical thinking – “But Naaman was angry, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leper” 2 Kings 5:11, 13 AMP; “A man may ruin his chances by his own foolishness and then blame it on the Lord” Proverbs 19:3 TLB.
Acquire wisdom – “For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it” Proverbs 8:11; “If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding” Proverbs 2:4-6.
4. Read: Proverbs 19:3 and Proverbs 8:11. What are the differences?

repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, thank You for giving me, today, another day to prove myself as a real man according to Your principles. I put away foolish, earthly wisdom, and I accept responsibility for my actions in order to mature in Christ. Please help me find true wisdom, and give me the strategy I need for victory. Amen.

For Further Study

God gives wisdom for strategy – Proverbs 3:19; “Blessed be the Lord my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight” Psalm 144:1; “Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city” Ecclesiastes 7:19; Psalms 17:4; 44:5; 2 Corinthians 2:14; James 1:5.

Victory from strategy brings glory – “Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty” 1 Chronicles 29:11; 2 Chronicles 20:12; “Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not your’s, but God’s … Set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you … fear not, nor be dismayed … for the Lord will be with you” 2 Chronicles 20:15-17; Glory – “That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord” 1 Corinthians 1:31; “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” 2 Corinthians 3:18.
Self Test  Lesson 7

1. How was Christ’s greatness manifested and glorified?
   _________________________________________________

2. Acceptance of ________________________________ starts the maturation process in our lives.

3. When a child does something wrong, why is important for a parent to give him an opportunity to admit it?
   _________________________________________________

4. Children may not always obey what you say, but they will always __________________________.

5. What was the major difference between King David and King Saul?
   _________________________________________________

6. What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?
   Knowledge is ____________.
   Wisdom is ________________________________.

7. What is the prerequisite for acquiring godly wisdom?  (circle one)
   a. prayer                b. being an adult          c. fear of the Lord

8. When planning an event, it’s wisdom to always consider the beginning before the ending.
   ___ True  ___ False

9. Use the words below to fill in the following sentence:
   wisdom  strategy  glory  victory
   To have ________________, a ________________ is needed; to obtain a ________________, a
   __________________________ is required; to acquire ________________, ____________________ is necessary.

10. Men who expect God to instantly change several years of living a careless and slack life can be guilty
    of what kind of thinking?  _________________________________________________

11. Where are strategies developed?  _________________________________________________

12. What is the lowest level of knowledge?  _________________________________________________

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 8
Employed for Life &
Financial Freedom
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I. Employed for Life (Chapter 15)

A. Employment, both in the secular and sacred fields, creates _________________________ and _________________________.(page 147)

1. Unemployment creates a ___________________________________________. (page 147)

2. Unemployment causes the loss of _____________________________ in men. (page 147)

3. When a man cannot provide for himself or his own, he is robbed of his _________________________. (page 147)

B. Men were created in the image of God and given abilities and ______________________ and required to _______________________. What can happen when these abilities are stifled through unemployment? (pages 147-148)

For Further Study
Employment basics – “This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat” 2 Thessalonians 3:10; “Wealth from gambling quickly disappears; wealth from hard work grows” Proverbs 13:11 TLB; “Work brings profit; talk brings poverty!” Proverbs 14:23 TLB; “Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his own ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee” Psalm 128:1-2.

Adam created in God’s image, given a job to steward the earth – Genesis 1:26-31; “Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet” Psalm 8:6; The human reproductive process satisfies – Genesis 1:28; “As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth” Psalm 127:3-5.
C. What is the main reason for the “work ethic”? (page 148) ______________________________

D. Define the expression, “welfare mentality.” (page 150) ______________________________

E. Who are “spiritually unemployed” Christians? (page 151) ______________________________

1. Who does a “welfare mentality” Christian depend on for his wisdom? (circle one) (page 150)
   a. the pastor  b. the Lord  c. his spouse

2. What do the spiritually unemployed miss out on? (circle one) (pages 151-152)
   a. an opportunity to hear the “inside track”  b. the excitement of serving Christ

3. What is one of the greatest “highs” a man can experience? (circle one) (page 152)
   a. praying for someone who starts a new relationship with Christ
   b. making his first million dollars
   c. praying for someone to make his first million dollars

For Further Study
Working for the Lord – “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” 2 Timothy 2:21; “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” 1 Corinthians 15:58; Exodus 35.
Reward workers – 1 Corinthians 9:7-10; 1 Timothy 5:18; Ministers’ wives who work alongside their husbands deserve compensation – Romans 15:27, 28 TLB; Proverbs 13:11, 12; “For the workman deserves his support (his living, his food)” – Matthew 10:10 AMP.
How to build great works – “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good” Luke 6:45; Hebrews 1:3; 11:3; Ephesians 4:29; “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” James 3:13.
F. How does a Christian discover his ministry gifts?  (page 153)


G. Name some ways of being spiritually employed.  (page 153)


H. Read: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” 1 Corinthians 15:58.

II. Financial Freedom (Chapter 16)

A. Waste is taking the best of what you have and using it on the ______________________ ___________, then giving what you have left to the _____________________.

For Further Study

Reap where you sow spiritually – 1 Corinthians 9:11, 13-14.
Discover your gifts – “But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry” 2 Timothy 4:5; “Allow God’s creativity to work in you” Psalm 37:4.
Do Christ’s works – “He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” John 14:12; Matthew 21:21; Mark 11:22-24.
Produce abundance – “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound in every good work” 2 Corinthians 9:8; “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” John 10:10.
1. By giving to God, we gain something that is ________________________________
   ______________________________.  (page 156)
2. The ________ of ________________ is often the “acid test” of a man’s character.  (page 156)

B. Read: Malachi 1:5-10.

C. Jesus didn’t discourage riches, but name three deceits of riches He warned about.  (page 158)
   1. __________________________________________________________________________
   2. __________________________________________________________________________
   3. __________________________________________________________________________

D. How are non-tithers similar to non-voters?  (page 160)
   __________________________________________________________________________

E. What is the outcome of men tithing, giving gifts and making contributions?  (page 163)
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

For Further Study

Honoring God – “A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine
honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name.
And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?” Malachi 1:6; “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me.
But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings” Malachi 3:8; “And I will rebuke the devourer
for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the
time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts” Malachi 3:11; Luke 18:9-14.

Giving to God is never a waste – “But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is
this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor” Matthew 26:8-9; John 12:4-6;
“For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always” Matthew 26:11.
F. Fill in the blanks with the following words. (page 163)

faith    prayer    disobedience    limitations    sacrifice

1. You cannot compensate through ____________________________ what you lose through
   _____________________________.

2. God puts no ____________________________ on ___________________; and ___________________
   puts no ____________________________ on God.

Practical:

1. Read: “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might
   have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” John 10:10. In what ways has Satan worked
   against you in relation to your employment?

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   ________________________________________________________________________________

For Further Study

Giving basics – “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and
running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured
to you again” Luke 6:38; “But godliness with contentment is great gain” 1 Timothy 6:6; “For where your treasure
is, there will your heart be also” Matthew 6:21; “The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the
house of the Lord thy God” Exodus 34:26; “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all
thine increase” Proverbs 3:9; “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of
the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord” Leviticus 27:30; “Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy
vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me”
2. “You gain by giving what you cannot buy with money.” List a time when you saw this principle operate in your own life or in the life of someone you know.

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3. In your opinion, why would the use of money reveal a man’s heart?

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Repeat this prayer out loud:

Thank you, Lord, for this new understanding of how I can be fulfilled in my Christian walk. Help me find and fulfill all the gifts and talents I can offer You. And forgive me for not giving of my money and myself as I should have in times past. I commit to being a good tither and to give my time, as well, for Your Kingdom. Amen.

For Further Study

You cannot compensate by sacrificial giving what you lose through disobedience – “And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry: And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find any thing thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for the time of figs was not yet. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever” Mark 11:12-14; “And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams” 1 Samuel 15:22; “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him” John 14:21; “Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her” Matthew 26:13.
Self Test  Lesson 8

1. If a man cannot be productive, he will lack:  (circle all that apply)
   a. dignity   b. creativity   c. self-esteem   d. fulfillment

2. What is often the effect of unemployment in men’s lives?

3. Socialism in all its forms is a proven failure.    ___ True  ___ False

4. Why is America today in danger of destruction?

5. Name three examples of being “spiritually employed.”
   a. ___________________________________________________
   b. ___________________________________________________
   c. ___________________________________________________

6. Christians can discover their ministry gifts by serving others.    ___ True  ___ False

7. Summarize what Malachi said about bringing polluted offerings to God.

8. Sometimes giving to God can be wasteful.    ___ True  ___ False

9. What is often the “acid test” of character in a man?

10. A man reveals the condition of his heart by his _____________________________ toward money.

11. Non-tithers and non-voters are similar because they are both ___________________________.

12. It is possible to compensate for not tithing by coming to God in prayer and asking Him to bless the work of your hand regardless.    ___ True  ___ False

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 9
Positive Stress & Peace for All Seasons

I. Positive Stress (Chapter 17)

A. Pressure always ______________________________. (fill in the blank) (page 165)

1. Name five temptations Elijah faced. (page 166)
   a. _____________________________
   b. _____________________________
   c. _____________________________
   d. _____________________________
   e. _____________________________

2. Stress is _____________________ to life. (page 166)

B. Indicate whether the following statements are True or False. (pages 167-168)

1. Television is a great way to reduce stress. ___ True ___ False
2. Personal debt on the individual level kills productivity. ___ True ___ False
3. Young married couples can be seduced to try to accumulate in three years of marriage what took their parents thirty years to obtain. ___ True ___ False

For Further Study

“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel” John 5:19-20.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father” John 14:12; “If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him” John 10:37-38.

“For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes” Matthew 7:29.
C. Financial pressure, like any stress, can drive men to __________________________ but needn’t ______________________ the real man.  

D. Read: “You are a poor specimen if you can’t stand the pressure of adversity” Proverbs 24:10 TLB.  

E. Pressure is normal and even needed in life. The right amount of tension in a guitar or piano is necessary for __________________________.  
1. The more pressure matter is able to withstand, the more ______________________ it becomes.  
   It’s the same with ______________________.  
2. The greater the responsibility, the greater the ______________________.  

F. What was the phrase that changed Joseph’s life when under pressure?  (circle one)  
   “But God” “Be Happy” “Believe in Yourself” “It’s Your Right”  
1. All trials and temptations will end positively if:  (circle one)  
   a. you just hang in there   b. you commit it to God   c. you pray long enough  
2. It is the ______________________ of ______________________ to change things in our lives for good.  

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Rejoice, even in trials – “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” James 1:2-4; Genesis 50:20; Romans 5:3-5; 1 Peter 1:6-7; 4:12-13.  
Reward for overcomers – “the crown of life” James 1:12; “my new name” Revelation 3:12  
   “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God” Philippians 4:6; “Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world” 1 Peter 5:9.  
“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? … Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved” Romans 8:35-37.
G. List some of the positive aspects of stress. (page 169)

1. ________________________________________________________________________________________
2. ________________________________________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________________________________
4. ________________________________________________________________________________________
5. ________________________________________________________________________________________

II. Peace for All Seasons (Chapter 18)

A. Peace comes from ______________________. (page 172)

1. According to the Bible, peace does not come through treaties, summit conferences or negotiated settlements as long as men have ____________ in their ________________. (page 173)

2. Little or no peace comes from: (circle one) (page 174)
   a. negotiated compromise  b. a total victory  c. prayer

B. Read: “The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart; His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords” Psalm 55:21 NKJV.

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“Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts” Psalm 28:3.

“Glory to God … peace among men with whom He is well-pleased – men of good will, of His favor” Luke 2:14 AMP.

Find the peace of God – Psalms 22:5; 28:7; 85:8; Isaiah 12:2; 26:3; John 14:27; 16:33; “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” Colossians 3:15; “Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means” 2 Thessalonians 3:16; “The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: … make his face shine upon thee … be gracious unto thee; … lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace” Numbers 6:24-26.

“Seek peace, and pursue it” Psalm 34:14; 1 Peter 3:11; “Better a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than a house full of sacrifices with strife” Proverbs 17:1.
C. Name three major requirements for victory. (page 175)

1. _____________________________________________________________
2. _____________________________________________________________
3. ________________________________________________________________________________________

D. Jesus refused to receive reward without paying the price because He knew the principle of
   “No _________________, no ________________.” (page 175)

1. Why can Jesus offer mankind total peace? (page 175) ________________________________________________
2. The peace that this world offers is _________________________, _____________________________ and
   without __________________________ substance. (page 175)

3. Read: “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let
   not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” John 14:27 NKJV.

E. Fill in the blanks to complete the following statements: (page 176)

1. Men who live by ___________________________________ are strong.
   Men who live by ____________________________________ are weak.

2. To the degree men yield to temptations, there is a loss of both _______________ and ____________.

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Jesus’ wilderness temptation – Luke 4

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be afraid” John 14:27.

“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other:
so that ye cannot do the things that ye would” Galatians 5:17.

“From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your
members” James 4:1.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” Romans 8:6.
F. Write the correct letter next to the phrase to complete each principle.  *(pages 176-178)*

___ What is yielded to grows
___ What is resisted grows
___ You cannot overcome sin with
___ Fighting for victory is
___ Fighting is ____________ than bearing consequences.
___ The place of agreement is the place of
___ Submitting to what is ___________ produces resistance to sin.

a. power  
b. godly  
c. easier  
d. difficult  
e. a truce  
f. weaker  
g. stronger

G. Read: “A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well” Proverbs 25:26 NKJV.

1. What was Joshua’s mistake in dealing with the Gibeonites? *(page 177)*

2. Everything in life is under our ____________________ of ____________________. *(page 179)*

3. Once we make a choice, we become a ___________________________ to that choice. *(page 179)*

H. Men often lose their peace by opening their __________________________ when they should keep them _____________. *(page 180)*

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“A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt spring” Proverbs 25:26.

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness” Romans 6:16.

“But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth” Luke 11:17; Matthew 18:8-9.

God’s way – “Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name” Psalm 86:11; “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light” Matthew 11:30; “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another” Romans 14:19.

“All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any” 1 Corinthians 6:12.
Practical:

1. Name a positive aspect of stress. (page 169)

2. In your opinion, what is the spiritual significance of the difference between a “soldier’s war” and a “politician’s war”? (pages 174-175)

3. Read: John 14:27. How can Jesus make this claim when we’re under so much pressure on earth?

4. When all is said and done, what is the best way to achieve peace in your life?

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, I have faced temptations and often given in, and for that, I repent. I have also lost my peace instead of learning to maintain it. Thank You that this is now covered by Christ’s blood. I trust You to guide me as I commit to overcome Satan’s work in my life. In Jesus’ Name, I pray, Amen.

For Further Study

“There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God” Hebrews 4:9; “And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” Philippians 4:7.

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them” Psalm 119:165.

“For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints” 1 Corinthians 14:33.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” Isaiah 9:6.

“He is our peace, who hath ... broken down the middle wall of partition between us ... so making peace; ... that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross ... and preached peace” Ephesians 2:14-17.

“Exclaiming, Would that you had known personally ... the things that make for peace (for freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin and upon which your peace, that is, your security, safety, prosperity and happiness depends)” Luke 19:42 AMP.
Self Test  Lesson 9

1. There is no such thing as good or positive stress.   ___ True   ___ False

2. What’s the difference between carbon, graphite and diamonds? ______________________________

3. The more ______________________ matter is able to withstand, the more valuable it becomes.

4. Name some positive aspects of stress.
   a. ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   d. ________________________________________________________________________________________________

5. How can trials and temptations have a positive end?
   ________________________________________________________________________________________________

6. God always starts on a _______________________ and ends on a ________________________.

7. Where does absolute peace actually come from in our lives? ________________________

8. God demanded that His people often make treaties with their enemies.   ___ True   ___ False

9. Lust is an enemy God wants us to negotiate a truce with.   ___ True   ___ False

10. Men can set at a peace table and sign a peace treaty yet still have war in their ________________________.

11. Men who live by conviction are _________________; men who live by convenience are _________________.

12. What was a major truth Jesus knew that kept Him from compromising with Satan?
   ________________________________________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________________________

13. Submission to the godly will bring resistance to the devilish and _______________ over the ________________.

14. Everything in life is under the power of choice. Once the choice is made, you become ________________________  
   ________________________________________________________________________________________________

Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 10
Leadership That Works
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A. Leadership _____________________________ are inherent in the nature of every man. (page 181)

1. Three distinguishing characteristics of popular leaders who command a following are: (page 181)
   a. _______________________________________________________________________
   b. _______________________________________________________________________
   c. _______________________________________________________________________

2. All three of these found in one man can change the ______________________________ ____________.
   (page 181)

For Further Study
Jesus’ testimony – “I and my Father are one” John 10:30. “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me” John 5:30; “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me” John 6:38. “And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves” Mark 11:15-17.
Qualifications for leadership – 1 Timothy 3
Inconsistency is immaturity and hinders those around us – Proverbs 25:19; James 1:8; 4:8.
B. 1 Timothy 3:2-7 gives six major qualifications for true leadership. List each of the qualities found in the Scripture under its appropriate category of the qualifications for leadership. *(pages 182-188)*

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Maturity from accepting responsibility – Acts 13:22

Immaturity from refusal to accept responsibility – Proverbs 16:2, 21:2; Genesis 3:11-12

We alone are responsible for our lives – 2 Corinthians 5:10.

Every man is accountable for six areas of responsibility – Reputation – 1 Thessalonians 5:22, 2 Corinthians 6:3; Ethics – 1 Timothy 4:16; Morality and Temperament – 2 Timothy 2:24, 25; Habits – 1 Timothy 4:8; Maturity – 1 Timothy 4:15.

Maturation is a lifelong process – *“You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect”* Matthew 5:48 AMP; Romans 5:3-5; 8:37; Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 3:6; 6:1; 1 John 3:2, 3.
C. A man’s reputation is seen in the regard given his ____________________. (page 182)

D. A real man will value his reputation with his ____________________ more than the regard he has with his peers. (page 183)
   1. Ethical behavior by parents in regard to children is necessary to ______________________ relationships. (page 183)
   2. Where _________________________________ are missing, there is no foundation for ethical behavior. (page 184)
   3. Immoral or religious ethics are represented in the New Testament by the ______________________ and ______________________. (page 184)

E. Morality is a system of ____________________ conduct. Morality can be called __________________, which can, in one sense, be used in the Bible synonymously with ___________________. (page 184)
   1. Moral cowardice is the _____________________; moral courage is its virtue. (page 184)
   2. Men often fail to qualify for leadership because of ________________________________. (page 185)

For Further Study

A good reputation – “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold” Proverbs 22:1; “A good name is better than precious ointment” Ecclesiastes 7:1.
A bad reputation – “The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot” Proverbs 10:7; “Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever” Psalm 9:5.
A good name – “Whoever heard me spoke well of me” Job 29:11 NIV (also vs. 7-17).
A bad name – “that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name — his name is Fool” 1 Samuel 25 NIV.
A man’s name is only as good as his word – “A good man is known by his truthfulness; a false man by deceit and lies” Proverbs 12:17 TLB.
F. List six reasons men need courage. (page 185)

1. ________________________________ 4. ________________________________

2. ________________________________ 5. ________________________________

3. ________________________________ 6. ________________________________

G. A temperate man doesn’t make decisions based on ______________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________

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____________________________________________________ ______________________

(pages 186-187)

The real man’s criteria for decision-making are: (page 187)

____________________________________________________ ______________________

For Further Study

The double-minded waiver between right and wrong – 1 Kings 18:21; They profess to hate sin but have a lingering love for it – James 4:1; They do not have a right understanding of good and evil – Hebrews 5:14. Character is built in private, developed out of a lifetime of individual decisions which either enhance or diminish it – “I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me” Psalm 119:30; “If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” 2 Timothy 2:21.

It takes courage to make decisions – “Choose you this day whom ye will serve … but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” Joshua 24:15.

Decision translates into energy – 2 Chronicles 2:1; Habakkuk 2:2; “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways” James 1:8.
H. Physical habits find their root in _____________________________. (page 187)

1. What did “high places” represent in the Old Testament? (page 187) ______________________

2. Give some examples of “high places” in men’s minds today. (page 187) ______________________

3. Habits can be developed by _______________ or _______________. (page 188)

I. The marks of a mature man can be seen in various ways. Name some of them. (page 188)

__________________________________________________________

1. Leaders are men who ______________________________ to influence. (page 188)

2. Followers only ______________________________ to influence. (page 188)

J. Today, God is looking for men to accept the spiritual and __________________________ leadership of the __________________, ____________________ and ______________________________. (page 190)

For Further Study

High places – “And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days” 2 Chronicles 15:16-17.

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” Ephesians 5:26

“For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father’s house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” Esther 4:14.

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry” Habakkuk 2:3.
K. The first and foremost thing a real man does is establish his ____________________________ to God.  
(page 190)

Practical:

1. Read: Proverbs 22:1. What do people associate with your name?  
(not necessary to write it down)

2. Think about “high places” and the fact that habits stem from mental traits. What habits do you need to change? Can you determine to change them, or will they happen by default?

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3. Discuss with someone what it means to you personally that today is a day for “Daniels.”

Repeat this prayer out loud:

*Father, I accept my God-given responsibility as a man to be a leader. I know some of my failures, and I’m sure there are many more that I am not even aware of. I repent for all my sin, both known and unknown, and ask for Your wisdom, Your guidance to help me start to excel in leading. I trust You for it. Amen.*

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**For Further Study**

Lay a right foundation for your character – 2 Corinthians 7:1.

*I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me … Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way*

Psalm 119:101, 102, 104.

If you make a quality decision to honor God in your thoughts, words, motives and deeds, God will honor you –

*If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour* John 12:26.
Self Test Lesson 10

1. Men are born with an _________________________________.

2. Name three characteristics in popular leaders.
   a. ________________________________
   b. ________________________________
   c. ________________________________

3. “Fervent in spirit” is likened unto what? ________________________________
   ________________________________

4. Identifying with purposes and goals in life without thought to self is a good definition of what?
   ________________________________

5. Because of a man’s need to provide for his family, his reputation within his workplace is by far more
   important than his reputation at home. ___ True ___ False

6. A lack of ethics can blind a man to his own: (circle one)
   a. good fortune           b. wrong doing           c. happiness

7. Immoral but religious ethics are represented in the New Testament by whom?
   ________________________________

8. What is a major reason many men fail to qualify for leadership? ________________________________

9. Retired Secretary of the Navy, James H. Webb, Jr. said, “Courage, both moral and physical, is a character
   trait that can ________________________________.”

10. A man’s criteria for decision-making should be what?
    a. ________________________________   c. ________________________________
    b. ________________________________   d. ________________________________

11. In Old Testament times, the continued allowance of “high places” led to the official reinstitution of:
    a. paganism             b. witchcraft          c. idolatry

12. Habits can be developed by default or ________________________________.
    Change a mind, change a ________________________________, change a life.

   Keep this test for your own records.
Lesson 11

The Irresistible Husband &
The Fabulous Father
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I. The Irresistible Husband (Chapter 20)

A. Correcting problems in marriage must be handled with ______________ and understanding. (page 192)

1. While sin desensitizes emotions and concerns for others, the ________________________ brings sensitivity to other’s needs, hurts and desires. (page 192)

2. The very nature of God is to work ______________________________. (page 193)

3. How do the characteristics of a gentleman display themselves? (page 193)

For Further Study

A man of God gives his word in marriage and keeps it, no matter how difficult – “Therefore guard your passions! Keep faith with the wife of your youth. For the Lord, the God of Israel, says he hates divorce and cruel men. Therefore control your passions – let there be no divorcing of your wives” Malachi 2:15-16 TLB.
The family of a man of God can depend on him – “A faithful man shall abound with blessings” Proverbs 28:20. “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” Galatians 5:19-21.
B. Which Scripture mentioned is a “biblical bidding” for courtesy? (page 194) 

1. Read: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts” Galatians 5:22-24.

2. What is the “fruit” of the Spirit to be in a man’s life as listed on pages 194-195?

C. Lessons learned from aspects of the “fruit”:

1. When a man knows his strength, he can afford to be ______________________. (page 194)

2. Women were created to __________________________ men. (page 194)

3. Recognition of others’ __________________________ demonstrates strength. (page 195)

4. When a man satisfies a woman’s uniqueness, she will become __________________________. (page 196)

For Further Study

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves” Philippians 2:3 NIV.

“Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great” 2 Samuel 22:36.

“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another” Romans 12:10.

“With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love” Ephesians 4:2

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering” Colossians 3:12.

“Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth” Numbers 12:3.
D. Marriage is the _________________ most important relationship men and women will ever have, and the choice of a mate is the second most important _________________ they will ever make.  

II. The Fabulous Father (Chapter 21)

A. The legacy of fathers is in their _________________.  

1. As a father, a man should serve his family as Christ served the church, as:  
   a. ________________  b. ________________  c. ________________  

2. What are the responsibilities of each role?  
   a. ____________________________________________________________________________________  
   b. ____________________________________________________________________________________  
   c. ____________________________________________________________________________________  

For Further Study

The marriage covenant – “Yet she is thy companion and the wife of thy covenant” Malachi 2:14; “A man should give his wife all that is her right as a married woman; and the wife should do the same for the husband” 1 Corinthians 7:3 TLB; “Keep faith with the wife of your youth” Malachi 2:15 TLB; “Honor your marriage and its vows and be pure; for God will surely punish all those who are immoral or commit adultery” Hebrews 13:4 TLB.  


Teach and train – “Impress them on your children” – Deuteronomy 6:5-9 NIV; “Teach them to your children” Deuteronomy 11:18-21 NIV; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.  

What to teach – “Set an example … in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity” 1 Timothy 4:11-13 NIV; Titus 2:2-8.  

Father’s responsibilities for children – Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21; 1 Timothy 3:4, 12.
B. Give a definition of “solipsism.” (page 199)

C. How has this changed our young people in regard to satisfaction? (page 199)

D. What were the comparative figures given regarding students’ time spent watching television versus receiving education? (page 200)

E. What is the “greatest mission” for men today? (page 201)

For Further Study

Live within your means – “Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, ‘I will never, never fail you nor forsake you’” Hebrews 13:5 TLB; “But godliness with contentment is great gain” 1 Timothy 6:6.

Produce, don’t just consume – “A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth: and the recompence of a man’s hands shall be rendered unto him” Proverbs 12:14; “Lazy people want much but get little, while the diligent are prospering” Proverbs 13:4 TLB; “Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty” Proverbs 21:5 TLB.

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” 3 John 4.
1. These principles for life are first and foremost to be taught where? (page 202) __________________
_____________________________
2. Young men must be ____________________ in the ways of morality, goodness and righteousness.
   This is the responsibility of __________________ men who have found the answers through Christ. (page 202)
3. Read: “You younger men, follow the leadership of those who are older” 1 Peter 5:5 TLB.
4. Men are __________________________, not owners of their children. (page 204)
5. Good fathering doesn’t happen by chance, but takes ____________________, ____________________
   and ____________________. (page 205)
6. Children may not always listen to you, but they will always ____________________ you. (page 206)

For Further Study
David’s example – “Now his father, King David, had never disciplined him [Adonijah] at any time—not so much
as by a single scolding! He was a very handsome man, and was Absalom’s younger brother” 1 Kings 1:6 TLB.
Abraham’s example – “He will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by
doing what is right and just” Genesis 18:19 NIV.
Good fathering includes discipline – “Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether
it be right” Proverbs 20:11; “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart
from it ... Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him”
Proverbs 22:6, 15; “Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not
die” Proverbs 23:13; “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and
admonition of the Lord” Ephesians 6:4.
Practical:

1. Write out Philippians 2:3. ____________________________________________________________

2. Read: 1 Peter 5:5. What is your responsibility to the next generation?

3. What is meant by the phrase, “It is not the father’s responsibility to make all his children’s decisions for them but to let them see him make his.” (page 206)

Repeat this prayer out loud:

*Father, in so many ways, I’ve done wrong for my own children and for the young people of the next generation. I acknowledge my errors, repent today and ask You, Lord, to help me do right from now on. Please make me, in both word and deed, an example of true manhood and a leader of the young. Amen.*

For Further Study

Who should teach – Fathers and mothers – Proverbs 1:8, 9; 4:1; 6:20-24; Elders – 1 Timothy 1:18; 4:14

Fathers have a God-given responsibility to their offspring. Fathers are blessed when they raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord – Deuteronomy 11:18-21. Fathers are cursed if they neglect their family responsibility – Proverbs 17:25.

Job’s example – Job 29:4-25
Self Test Lesson 11

1. Some of the characteristics of a gentleman are displayed in:
   a. ________________________________  c. ________________________________
   b. ________________________________  d. ________________________________

2. What is the opposite of a “Fabulous Father”? ________________________________

3. Christ fulfilled three major roles; a father is to do the same. What are they?
   a. ___________  b. ___________  c. ___________

4. In a recent survey, for every seven hours spent watching television, children spend _____ hours reading.

5. The greatest mission for men today is not to correct what is wrong in adults, but:
   _______________________________________________________________________

6. Four basic causes children become vulnerable and susceptible to drugs and alcohol are:
   a. ________________________________  c. ________________________________
   b. ________________________________  d. ________________________________

7. A father’s responsibility in the home is to provide intimacy, ____________ , ____________
   and ____________.

8. Men can pass on to children only what they possess themselves. ___ True ___ False

9. What is the “quickest way to destroy a child”? ________________________________

10. Fathers are to guard against ____________________________.

11. Godly fathers need to love as God loves: ________________________________
    ________________________________ and ________________________________.

12. Children learn by example. It is not the father’s responsibility to make all children’s decisions for them but to
    _______________________________________________________________________

   Keep this test for your own records.
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I. The Authentic Friend (Chapter 22)

A. Faithful friends are life’s __________________________ ___________________. Being a true friend is one of the marks of a _________________________________. (page 209)

We learn how to be friends by studying the friendship of Jesus. (page 211) ___ True ___ False

Read: John 15:13, 15; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 27:6.

B. Friends help in times of crisis, and the crisis _________________________ the relationship. (page 211)

C. True friends __________________________ when their friends do well. (page 212)

D. A wife who is a real friend to her husband is a man’s greatest _______________________, __________ __________ of inspiration and ______________________. (page 212)

1. It is ________________ _______, not ___________________, that holds a marriage together. (page 212)

2. To make a friend, you must first be _____________________.

For Further Study

Scriptures about friendships – 2 Samuel 13; 15:30-37; 16; 17
“A man of too many friends comes to ruin, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother” Proverbs 18:24.

“Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!’” Job 2:9.

“I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women” 2 Samuel 1:26.

“And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,’ and he was called the friend of God” James 2:23.

“Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses returned to the camp, his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent” Exodus 33:11.
II. The Greatest Pleasure in Life (Chapter 23)

A. God enjoys us. If we accept and understand that God takes pleasure in us succeeding, we will approach life ________________, expecting to please Him and freely expressing the joy it brings. (page 214)

B. The Bible counsels us to “have a walk worthy of the Lord, fully ________________ Him.” (page 216)
   1. Read: Colossians 1:10.
      _______________________________________________________________________
      _______________________________________________________________________
   3. Write out Revelations 4:12.
      _______________________________________________________________________
      _______________________________________________________________________

C. To walk in God’s will for our lives, as real men, ________________ in our manhood and our ________________ with Him, is our highest good. (page 216)

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For Further Study

God’s good pleasure – “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will” Ephesians 1:5; Ephesians 1:5-11; “Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power” 2 Thessalonians 1:11.
“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell” Colossians 1:19.
“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God” Romans 8:14.
D. God has no pleasure in ________________________, nor the death of the _______________. (page 216)

E. Our highest good gives God ________________________. (page 216)

F. God was not just pleased with Jesus as deity, but God was pleased in the very ________________________ that Jesus Christ displayed. We, too, can give God pleasure when we: (page 216)
   1. ________________________________________________________.
   2. ________________________________________________________.
   3. ________________________________________________________.
   4. ________________________________________________________.
   5. ________________________________________________________.
   6. ________________________________________________________.

G. Even when we sin and bring guilt and condemnation in our life, it is still possible to please God by our ________________________. (page 217)

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For Further Study

What pleases God – “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” Luke 12:32. “Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?” Ezekiel 18:23.

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” Romans 8:8.

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” Hebrews 11:6.

“And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him” John 8:29.

“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” Matthew 3:17.
Practical:

1. Read and comment on Proverbs 18:24. _________________________ ________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________ _____________________________

2. What is better for a businessman than a customer? Why is this so important? (page 212)
   _______________________________________________________________ _______________________________
   _______________________________________________________________ _______________________________

3. Read: Psalm 5:4 and Ezekiel 33:11. Contrast these to what you know pleases God.
   ________________________________________________________________ ______________________________
   _________________________________________________________________ _________________________________

Repeat this prayer out loud:

Father, in Jesus’ Name, I am a man. I want to be a real man. So those things in my life that are wrong, where I have made mistakes, committed errors and sins, forgive me. I want them out of my life. Right now, I ask You to come into my life by Your Spirit and change me. Make me to be the man You created me to be through Jesus Christ. Thank You, Lord. Amen.

For Further Study

“And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” 1 John 3:22.

“Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar” Psalm 51:19; Psalm 69:30-31.

“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour” John 12:26.

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” 2 Corinthians 9:7.

“For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation” Psalm 149:4.

“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” 1 Corinthians 1:21.
Self Test  Lesson 12

1. What can be life’s greatest treasure? ________________________________

2. What are some characteristics of “non-friends”?
   ______________________________________________________________________________________________

3. What do times of crisis do to a true friendship? _____________________________

4. What person can provide man with his greatest protection, inspiration and solace? _________________

5. Romance is the most important component of a successful marriage. ___ True ___ False

6. How do you make a friend? ______________________________________________________________________

7. It is far more important for businessmen to concentrate on locating new customers than on developing more friendships. ___ True ___ False

8. As God is divine, it is irrelevant for us to consider that we can bring Him pleasure. ___ True ___ False

9. Living to our highest good produces what? _________________________________

10. What are some ways we can give God pleasure according to Scripture?
    a. _______________________________________________________________________________________
    b. _______________________________________________________________________________________
    c. _______________________________________________________________________________________
    d. _______________________________________________________________________________________
    e. _______________________________________________________________________________________
    f. _______________________________________________________________________________________

11. Is it possible to still please God when we’ve sinned? If so, how?
   __________________________________________________________________________________________

12. I want to be a real man. ___ True ___ False

   Keep this test for your own records.
1. The cheaper the merchandise, the ______________________________.

2. Name the three things that limit every man in life.
   a. _______________________________________________________________________
   b. _______________________________________________________________________
   c. _______________________________________________________________________

3. ______________________________ determines public performance.

4. What is the only thing left after the charm wears off? __________________________

5. Fame can come in a moment, but greatness comes with ___________________________. (fill in the blank)
   longevity                pain                a price tag

6. A man’s true integrity is found in: (circle one)
   a. his company worth   b. his ideal of himself  c. his personal character

7. The most powerful thing a man can do is create an image.  ____ True  ____ False

8. Jesus taught that a man is only qualified to lead to the degree that he is ____________________________.

9. Draw a line between phrases to create four basic principles.
   a. Communication is the key to life.
   b. Exchange is the power of life.
   c. Balance is the process of life.
   d. Agreement is the basis of life.

10. The only constant in maturity is ____________________________.

11. Dying physically is the only form of death.  ____ True  ____ False
12. What must any “death” in Christ be followed by? ________________________________________

13. Failing is the worst thing in the world that can happen to a man. ___ True ___ False

14. What is the essential ingredient in success? _______________________________________________

15. Man has been given what three basic responsibilities?
   a. _______________________ b. _______________________ c. _______________________

16. The Kingdom of God runs on sentiment. ___ True ___ False

17. What is the least a real man must do who has the power to vote? (circle one)
   a. vote b. help back candidates c. go into politics

18. From memory, name four ways God speaks to men.
   a. ________________________________________ c. ________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________ d. ________________________________________

19. Name the six major steps of the Pattern of Revelation.
   a. ________________________________________ d. ________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________ e. ________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________ f. ________________________________________

20. We are to find men who are extremely able and give them responsibility. ___ True ___ False

21. To qualify for our own, we must be faithful in that which is __________________________________________.

22. What is a common type of treason in homes, businesses and churches? ______________________________

23. Trust can be extended without truth. ___ True ___ False

24. Place the following in their correct order of priority.

   Wife       God       Ministry       Children       Career
   1 - ___________ 2 - ___________ 3 - ___________ 4 - ___________ 5 - ___________
25. Define love and lust.

Love is ____________________________________________ _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________ __________________________________________

Lust is ______________________________________ _______ _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________ __________________________________________

26. Name the three major categories of temptation that come to all men.

a. ___________________ ________ b. __________________________ c. __________________________

27. Name the two “spiritual kingdoms.”

Kingdom of _____________
Kingdom of _____________

28. When God created the Body of Christ, the Church, He created a magnificent organization.

___ True ___ False

29. What starts the maturation process in our lives? ________________________ ________________________

30. Fame and greatness are synonymous. ___ True ___ False

31. Children may not always _______________________ us, but they will always _________________________ us.

32. God has a pattern for victory. To acquire strategy, ___________________________ is necessary. To obtain a victory,
a ___________________________ is required.

33. A man can do nothing more than sit in a pew year after year and be a completely fulfilled Christian.

___ True ___ False

34. Christians can discover their ministry gifts by serving others. ___ True ___ False

35. A man reveals the condition of his heart by his _______________________________ toward money.

36. You can compensate for not tithing by praying and asking God to bless your work regardless.

___ True ___ False
37. There is no such thing as good or positive stress. ___ True ___ False

38. The more _________________________ matter is able to withstand, the more valuable it becomes.

39. In Scripture, God demanded that His people often make treaties with their enemies. ___ True ___ False

40. Everything in life is under the power of choice. Once the choice is made, you become ________________

41. Because of a man’s need to provide for his family, his reputation within his workplace is by far more important than his reputation at home. ___ True ___ False

42. A man’s criteria for decision making should be what?
   a. _________________________ c. _________________________
   b. _________________________ d. _________________________

43. Habits can be developed by default or _________________________.

44. List the fruit of the Spirit.
   a. _______________________ d. _______________________ g. _____________________
   b. _______________________ e. _______________________ h. ______________________
   c. _______________________ f. _______________________ i. ______________________

45. Provide the Scriptural reference for the “fruit.” (give book and chapter) ____________________________

46. Name at least three things a father must provide.
   a. ________________________ b. ________________________ c. ________________________

47. To love as God loves, fathers must love:
   a. ________________________ b. ________________________ c. ________________________

48. It is not the father’s responsibility to make all his children’s decisions for them but to ______________________
   ________________________________.
49. What can be life’s greatest treasure? _________________________________________

50. Romance is the most important component of a successful marriage. ___ True ___ False

51. It is far more important for businessmen to concentrate on locating new customers than on developing more friendships. ___ True ___ False

52. Is it possible to still please God when we’ve sinned? If so, how? ____________________________

53. I want to be a real man. ___ True ___ False

54. Short essay: In your own words, explain what is meant by “faithfulness is the cornerstone of character.” What does this have to do with being a real man? Use personal illustrations and examples from the book.
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The Final Exam is required to be “commissioned.”

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Basic Daily Bible Reading

Read Proverbs each morning for wisdom, Psalms each evening for courage. Make copies of this chart and keep it in your Bible to mark off as you read. If you are just starting the habit of Bible reading, be aware that longer translations or paraphrases (such as Amplified and Living) will take longer to read each day. As you start, it is okay to read only one of the chapters in Psalms each night, instead of the many listed. Mark your chart so you’ll remember which ones you haven’t read.

NOTE: The chronological chart following has the rest of the chapters of Psalms that are not listed here. By using both charts together, you will cover the entire book of Psalms.

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### Chronological Annual Bible Reading

This schedule follows the events of the Bible chronologically and can be used with any translation or paraphrase of the Bible. Each day has an average of 77 verses of Scripture. If you follow this annually, along with your Daily Bible Reading, by your third year, you will recognize where you are and what is going to happen next. By your fifth year, you will understand the Scriptural background and setting for any reference spoken of in a message or book. At that point, the Word will become more like “meat” to you and less like “milk.” Once you understand the basic stories and what happens on the surface, God can reveal to you the layers of meaning beneath. So, make copies of this chart to keep in your Bible and mark off as you read. And start reading—it’s the greatest adventure in life!

**Some notes:**

1. Some modern translations don’t have verses numbered (such as The Message), so they cannot be used with this chart. Also, if you are just starting the Bible, be aware that longer translations or paraphrases (such as Amplified and Living) tend to take longer to read each day.
2. The Daily Bible Reading chart covers the Proverbs and the chapters of Psalms that are not listed here. By using both charts together, you will cover the entire books of Psalms and Proverbs along with the rest of the Bible.
3. The chronology of Scripture is obvious in some cases, educated guesswork in others. The placement of Job, for example, is purely conjecture since there is no consensus among Bible scholars as to its date or place. For the most part, however, chronological reading helps the reader, since it places stories that have duplicated information, or prophetic utterances elsewhere in Scripture, within the same reading sequence.

**HOW TO READ SCRIPTURE NOTATIONS:**

- Book chapter: verse. (Mark 15:44 means the book of Mark, chapter 15, verse 44.)
- Book chapter; chapter (Mark 15; 16; 17 means the book of Mark, chapters 15, 16, 17.)
- Books continue the same until otherwise noted. (2 Kings 22; 23:1-28; Jeremiah 20 means the book of 2 Kings, chapter 22, the book of 2 Kings, chapter 23, verses 1-28; then the book of Jeremiah, chapter 20.)
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