

Biblical Manhood
~ *FROM ONE MAN TO*
ANOTHER ~



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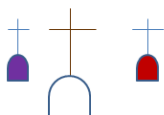
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Dedication

To The Lord.

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

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

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

Note

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

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

~ Proverbs 20:18 (KJV)

Tips for success in this study:

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

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

Lesson/Class Outline:

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

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Let's get started

LESSON 1, THE FOUNDATION & THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

STARTING OFF:

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

Scripture:

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

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

THE IMPORTANCE OF WORK

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

Timothy 5:8 KJV

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

Think about what work is:

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

What types of work do you like?

What type of work do you dislike?

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

BIBLE READINGS AND DESCRIPTION:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

Read

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

LESSON 2, A MAN'S FIGHTS

A Man's Fight – A Regular Devotion Time

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

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Work and Laziness

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

Another Angle

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Defender

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

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

Are you a defender?

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Against Revenge

Scripture: Romans 12:19-21

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

Do you struggle with Revenge?

Yes No

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

Do you agree?

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

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Truth

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

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

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Lust

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

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Family

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

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

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Provider

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

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

Your notes of the subject:

A Man's Fight – Purity

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

purity? By having a **relationship** with Jesus Christ. After you have received salvation from your sin through Christ’s sacrifice you still have “junk” to deal with in your life and the Holy Spirit will be there to help you deal with it. ***By renewing your mind daily in the Word, the Holy Spirit will realign your focus to Christ. It is this relationship with the Holy Spirit as the re-aligner, the counselor, the guide that will gently direct you toward purity if you let Him.***

In the realm of physical purity, you will need to fight a battle and run to Christ for your strength. There are some great authors such as Joshua Harris and Elizabeth Eliot who have written extensively on this topic, please check their books out for deeper study about purity. However, by taking captive your lustful thoughts and making them obedient to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5) you can start fighting for your mental purity and this in turn can aid you in keeping your physical purity (i.e. not having sex outside of marriage or being involved in physical relationships with women or men). Temptation will come and urge you to give up your purity, but the temptations are not sin. It is when you dwell on, worry about, or fantasize about a lustful temptation or thought that you sin. When temptation comes, remember to run to the Lord and ask Him for help and the Holy Spirit will direct you on what to do from there (He may do this by bringing Scriptures to mind that you have familiarized yourself with on purity). Keep standing, fight the good fight, finish the race!

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Fight – Conviction

Conviction is a feeling or understanding that something is not right in your life or a certain standard that you hold to because you believe it is right. For example: if you stole a candy bar, God can convict you that it was wrong. This kind of conviction is meant to lead us to repentance. It doesn't feel good and is often hard to act on (like asking for forgiveness), but it is still a blessing because it urges us to stay obedient to Christ. Likewise, going to church regularly is a standard you will probably have because you believe that going to church is important, thus you live like it is important—this is another form of conviction. On the other hand, God's conviction will leave after you repent. If the feeling of guilt doesn't leave, you are probably up against condemnation which is of the Devil and you don't have to pay any attention to it because he is just trying to discourage you. When you are dealing with condemnation read John 3:17-18.

A word of warning: If you do not respond to the conviction (which is meant for leading you to repentance) of the Holy Spirit, you will eventually block the Holy Spirit's gentle promptings out of your life and thus stumble and possibly even leave the faith. Be careful and continue to be obedient!

Do you have any convictions right now?

Your notes on the subject:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

- † Gen. 37 ~ *Joseph, his Dream, and Slavery*
- † Gen 39–41 ~ *Joseph Fleeing **Temptation**, Interpreting Dream, and Taking Charge*
- † Gen. 45 ~ *Joseph's Reconciliation and Forgiveness*
- † Gen. 49 ~ *The Blessing of a Father, it's important!*
- † Acts 6-7 ~ *Stephen, A Man that Stood for What was Right, and Died for it. . . . Would you?*
- † Acts 27-28:14 ~ *Paul's amazing boat trip (Side assignment: Do some study on what the word **Euroclydon** means)*

LESSON 3, A MAN'S BATTLES

A Man's Battle, Money

Money is something that we all like to have; but sometimes we like it so much that we put it before God and it becomes an idol. Yet, at other times, our heart is in the right place and we give generously to different causes or ministries. But often, we have to admit, that many of us are pretty lost about how we should handle our money.

(You will complete a worksheet this week on this topic, so we won't spend much time on it in here. [Unless that is God will and direction for the class])

A Man's Battle, Leadership

Leadership is more than just taking the initiative or commanding others. It is acknowledging when you are wrong and authentically repenting.

Do you agree? _____

Your notes on the subject:

Assignment for Leadership:

TO learn about spiritual leadership, you

are assigned to lead one Bible study for your family before the next class. Have fun with it. Do not be afraid. Seek God and ask Him to give you a Word, the anointing to teach it, as well as the amazing gift and privilege of His presence.

A Man's Battle, Responsibility

As I get older, I am continually either being given or taking on more responsibility. I have more stuff to take care of, more school, more this and definitely more that. I can choose to be responsible and *do my best* at the tasks that I have to do or I can **complain** and **worry** about them, which is sin. We need to handle our responsibilities correctly, that is, as Jesus tells us to.

What responsibilities do you have? How does the Bible say you should do them?

Your Notes on the Subject:

A Young Man's Battle, Strength

You like to be known for your strength (Prov. 20:29, check it out). As a result, you have some battle choices to make. You will either build up your pride or deny yourself and submit to your Master, Jesus. You can either use your physical strength and talents to serve others like Christ would or you can hold them in reserve for opportunities when others will praise you for them.

A Different Take:

You need to *examine* yourself to see what your motive is for using your strength. If you are using your strength just to get praise or showing off, the **motive (or spirit)** is wrong. If you use your strength to simply help others, serve God, and earn a living then your motive is right. Think about the following passage and listen to your Teacher, the Holy Spirit, as you read it.

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matthew 5:27-28 KJV

What we see here is that since the motive was wrong, the person was guilty of sin. He didn't have **to do** anything, just lustfully think, dwell, meditate, fantasize, desire it. What have you been guilty of sinning about when you didn't **do anything**?

Not only do you need to be cautious of how you use your strength, but your motive. *Is your motive prideful or humble and submissive to the Master?* Also, I want to clarify something: I am not giving you a self-centered building plan here for your Christian life. What I am writing will be of no use to you if you just apply it without the Holy Spirit's blessing and help. To follow the Lord truly, you must live a life guided by the Spirit, not just memorizing Scripture and putting it into practice in your own mental or physical

strength. Doing that can be prideful, not humble! WE CANNOT USE THE BIBLE AS A SELF-HELP MANUAL, BUT AS A LIFE MANUAL; AND WE MUST HAVE A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST (KNOWING HIM) TO MAKE IT TO HEAVEN. SALVATION IS A GIFT, BUT WE MUST RETAIN IT.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Battle, Trusting God to Provide for His needs

Scripture:

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” Matt. 6:33 KJV

Do you like to be in control? _____

There is this cool concept in the Bible and it says that **God is in control**. Now think about that for a minute – God is in control of **everything**. This is confirmed in Matthew 6:33, which teaches that if we seek God first then everything else we need will be given to us from His abundant stores. All our needs will be provided for! Wow! God is a good God! HE knows when a sparrow dies; and if He watches over a single bird, how much more will HE look after you and me?!

Let God have the control, He will provide for you. And, yes, **you do have a part to play** sometimes. At other times, you may have to

humble yourself and **receive** the blessings from your Lord and Savior through the hand of another.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Battle, Work and Family – Where is the Balance?

Scripture:

“Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.” Proverbs 24:27 KJV

It is hard to find a balance between work and family, but I think this verse offers us an application of balance. Read the verse above again. You finish your work and then build your house. To me that building your house can mean spiritually and relationally building up your household when you’re a father and husband. Now I am neither of those yet, so I struggle sometimes with how I should balance my time with my family (parents and siblings) and work. I know that relationships with my siblings and parents are important, but they will always be different than the relationship that I have with my wife and children in my own home one day. Nonetheless, I think that this Scripture offers us the insight of finishing up our work and then spending time with our family. Please note that your work is meant to have an end and that once your work is done you spend time with your family.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Battle, The Curse of Sweat is Still True – I sweat when I write real hard

Scripture:

“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” Genesis 3:19 KJV

I have seen the sweating part proved true over and over again. Just get the farming picture out of your mind in regards to work. When I work really hard, I mean give a message, write for a while, or haul the garbage to the cub, I sweat. My desire is to write and minister full time one day and I believe that the curse of sweat applies no matter what the job is. How does the sweat apply to you?

Cleaning the house?

Wrestling with your little brother?

Racing against a friend?

The possibilities of sweating are endless.

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Battle, Real Men must Forgive

Scripture:

**“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen. For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you” Matt. 6:13-14 KJV
(underlining added)**

Are you living a *forgiving* life? If not do you really believe this verse which says that you will not be forgiven by God if you choose not to forgive? Repent, and pray that you will truly forgive the other person(s) and then move on. Bless that person when offense arises in your heart. “You cannot stay mad at somebody you are blessing.”—Pastor Ed Shirrell

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Battle, His Speech

“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” Matthew 12:36-37 KJV

Our speech should be reflecting Christ – this one really gets me at times because I have a really big mouth. How about you?

How’s your speech?

Your notes on the subject:

A Man’s Battle, Openness

We don’t always like to tell people how we are feeling, instead we often think that sharing feelings is girly and talking about life is boring. We want the *thrills, fun, facts* and *action*. . . . or at least many of us. No matter how open you already are, here are a few areas that we need openness in:

#1 In our Family

#2 With another (or more) Christian for accountability

#3 With a Mentor (Paul figure) to learn

Your notes on the subject:

A Man's Battle, Humility

Scripture:

“(Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.)” Numbers 12:3 KJV

“The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.” Psalm 25:9 KJV

True humility is acknowledging that you deserve nothing, you are lower than low because of sin, you don't deserve anything, yet for some reason God loves you and tells you that you matter to Him and His body. True humility is placing your trust in God and what He says, and paying no attention to your natural, selfish inclinations. Humility is tough. (REF. HUMILITY JC notes)

WHEN YOU ARE HUMBLE, YOUR STRENGTH COMES FROM CHRIST, NOT YOU.

Your notes on the subject:

Closing Scripture for contemplation:

Are you waging this type of battle, with Christ as your General?

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 KJV

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

- ✠ Rom. 5: 12-21 ~ *We enter into Death because of Adam and Freedom and Life! because of Christ*
- ✠ Rom. 8 ~ *Living with the Holy Spirit as our Guide; Our Eternal Future; and Our identity as Conquering Warriors through Jesus Christ*
- ✠ Rom. 13 ~ *We are to Submit, just like Christ Submits to God the Father*
- ✠ Heb. 11 ~ *Examples of Faith*
- ✠ 1 Cor. 1:10-31 ~ *We need unity in the Universal and Local Church, and we personally have role to play*
- ✠ 1 Cor. 6:1-11 ~ *The Bible tells us in this passage about how lawsuits between the body of Christ should be handled (a.k.a. They shouldn't take place)*
- ✠ 1 Cor. 10:1-13 ~ *Temptation*
- ✠ 1 Cor. 13 ~ *True Love ** Also, read the Love definition located after your worksheet as part of your assignment. You might need a parents' help to understand this definition.

Worksheet: A Man's Money

Read: 1 Timothy 6:3-21

We are called to be men: **workers, providers, warriors, humble yet bold leaders, and more.** We have responsibilities and how we manage (steward) our money is certainly is one of them. **Tithing** is important. **Saving** is wise. **Giving generously** is great. But above all, *whose money is it going to be in our eyes . . . God's or yours?*

God gave us the ability and responsibility to work. Part of that work is **making** and **managing** money and possessions. This means that money is a blessing from God, and we should use it properly and obtain it honestly. Whether the amount is a penny or a million dollars it counts! Likewise, life isn't about earning tons of dough, but rather about having an intimate relationship with God (through His Holy Spirit and Scripture) and spreading His kingdom. We cannot truly love God and love wealth; we can only be fully devoted to one thing. And as true men our devotion must be focused on, completely set apart to seeking God and His will for us.

Matthew 6:19-24 KJV

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, they whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and espies the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Hint for Clarity: Mammon means money

If our money is God's blessing we should be using it in such a way as to honor Him. Would God spend money on chocolate and soda pop **every day**? Would God buy that video game? Would God spend money on that, period?

If our money is God's, then we should also be generous givers (read Galatians 6:6-10). Giving \$5 or \$5,000 isn't what matters, as long as that you give with a pure motive and generously from your honestly earned income. Would God give to that cause? Through that organization? To that person? Should you?

Personal Assignment: Get a plan together on what you are going to do with your money. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you and bring Scriptures to mind as you lay out a plan which you will follow.

Suggestion: Do a search on money (or mammon) in the Bible and study some Scriptures on this topic.

Will you save?

Will you give/donate?

Will you spend?

Will you wait till you have enough to buy something? (that is, delayed spending)

Contemplate this definition to prepare your heart's soil to be ready for the next class:

Definition of *Love*:

Love cannot be adequately defined by a *modern dictionary* or *Hollywood*, it is not an emotion or **bubbly** feeling, but rather, a patient, sacrificial person whom God created to be of the utmost importance in our Christian lives.

It is an action founded in Christ, of whom our perfected example lays. It overlooks age, race, color, and social and economic standings. It corrects, reaches, instructs, teaches, and touches the very soul. It looks past hate and pride – of which pride is forth most, its enemy; since every sin somehow, is stemmed from that wicked root.

Love is thereby adequately defined by *1 Corinthians 13* which declares *Love* to be patient, merciful; it is an action of sorts, the opposite of hate, and above all the Divine Nature of Providence and starkly, uncompromisingly opposite to lust, hate, emotion, and pleasure – which almost invariably stem from pride.

Love is simply the absence of pride resulting in an “others’ oriented” mindset, seated upon Christ and worked out with healthy fear and trembling (which is due to the fact that *Love* is our only true calling).

Side note:

Humility, Contentment, and Affection all stem from this ‘odd’ four letter word – that is, L-O-V-E.

Scripture:

“Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.” 1 Timothy 5:1-2 KJV

This verse contains a lot in it. But the convicting part for me is where it says, “Treat . . . older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.” I know that I do not always treat my mother and sister the right way and you probably don’t either, but the point I want to make is: **are we not only treating women, younger or older, as we would our family; but in the right way?**

Your notes on the subject:

Samson – a lady problem (Complete story in Judges 13-16)

Read: Judges 13 in class.—SO COOL, I JUST HAD TO INCLUDE IT!

The name SAMSON means

“His sun; his service; there the second time.”—Hitchcock's Dictionary of Bible Names

Samson was like the strongest guy ever, and yet he had weaknesses. One was his hair, but another was women. . . . The

“women” that you are “interested in”—and around!—will either help to build you up or to tear you down. Eve was created to help Adam, not just to be his wife. Think about it.

Your notes on the subject:

Manners

- † *Honor and Respect for Women isn’t falling head over heels.*
- † *Opening the door for a woman shouldn’t mean that you like her, it should be a sign of respect for womankind, whether old, short, young, etc . . . putting others first.*
- † *To be a godly future husband and father you need to start your training now, this includes making decisions that are based on the Bible.*
- † *You can look like a man, but not be one. True manhood isn’t about being tough physically, it’s about being humble—which is actually harder to become than the guy that has muscles everywhere.*
- † *Respect isn’t sealed with a kiss, it is sealed with true love—that means, acting like you should act regardless of the circumstances or how you feel.*

You will only be a man once you love others like Christ does. This includes treating women (of all ages, whether relatives or not) with respect.

Your notes on the subject:

Singleness vs. Marriage – Trust God and don't Sin by Worrying about It

Scriptures:

“Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.” ~ Titus 2:6-8 KJV

“He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All *men* cannot receive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be

eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive *it*, let him receive *it*." ~ Matthew 19:8-12 KJV

Your notes on the subject:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

- ✠ 1 Tim. 4:1-16 ~ *Apostle Paul's words to Timothy, who was a young man much like us with big Responsibilities*
- ✠ 1 Tim. 5:1 – 6:21 ~ *How we are to Treat People, Warnings about Money, & More Words to Timothy*
- ✠ 2 Tim. 1:3-2:13 ~ *Urge to Live a Faithful Life with God*
- ✠ 2 Tim. 2:14-26 ~ *Serve God*
- ✠ 2 Tim. 3:1-9 ~ *Description of the Last days, We are Certainly living in Them*
- ✠ 2Tim 3:10-4:8 ~ *Paul's Commands to Timothy, These are Important, so Pay Attention*

LESSON 5, BACK TO WORK: LEADERSHIP

Male Authority, General Role Gen. 1-3

There is a lot to learn in Genesis chapters 1-3: everything is created, the first man gets the job to name all the animals—that is a big job!—God creates a helper for the man: Eve, the very first “girl.” A short while after that, the FALL of mankind takes place; then death is introduced into our world and the entire geography of the earth changes because of one piece of fruit. **“LITTLE” WRONG CHOICES HAVE BIG CONSEQUENCES.** Curses are placed on the man, woman, and serpent, aside from the ground. During the penalty of curses (Gen. 3:14-24), the man is given the responsibility of toilsome work to provide for himself, his wife; and later, his children. However, please remember that work was not the curse placed on man. Rather the curse was that work would now be difficult. There is **DEFINITELY** a lot to learn from the first three chapters of Genesis.

Your notes on the subject:

God’s leading to a future spouse—Gen. 24 Isaac and Rebekah

REMEMBER THIS!

This passage is encouraging. God works miraculously to bring a guy his future wife, as well as, a gal to her future husband! This story shows us that we don’t have to **worry** about “the ladies.” We

just need to follow God (**RE-read Matt. 6:33**) and He provides the rest, how amazing!

Unfortunately, few people live out the belief that God is in charge of their love stories. Many times, people will take this area of life into their own hands to have fun, chase romance, or follow their hearts. All three of those reasons why people take romance into their own hands are Biblical violations. They are selfish responses to how they live their lives. Be careful not to go down a road where you take romance into your own hands; instead, just trust God and wait for Him to move, because He will direct us to His will.

Your notes on the subject:

Being a Future Husband

Being a husband will be enjoyable at times and discouraging at others. The honest truth, is that work, church, entertainment, family, life, God, and your wife will all want a slice of your time. *A marriage will require work: your family will require time and attention, you and your wife will desire to have time alone together and with close friends, work will require a large part of your life as you provide, and your spiritual health will require things like church, discipleship, serving, and study, plus you need to take times of rest. But above all else, to be a husband, you must be grounded, firmly planted and growing, in a relationship with God, fellow believers,—not a spiritual loner!— and actively engaged in the Word of God and prayer.*

A list of Traits that a Husband should have (discuss/contemplate):

- † Humility
- † Initiative
- † Motivation
- † Lovingness
- † Strong- Character
- † Grounding
- † Strength
- † Providing Spirit
- † Defender
- † Warrior
- † Patient
- † Firmness
- † Resilience
- † Peaceable
- † Slow Tongue
- † Conviction
- † Frugality
- † Fruitfulness
- † Willingness to Listen
- † Responsibility
- † Commitment

Guess what? God wants to prepare these traits in you starting today! I am going to be up front with you, this preparation will be difficult in the days of life ahead; but it will also be extremely rewarding as you become more like our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Your notes on the subject:

Armor and Sword, Using the Fruit of the Spirit

*“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 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. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 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. 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. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.” Galatians 5:16-26 KJV*

Point to Contemplate:

WE LEAD BEST WHEN WE FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Your notes on the subject:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

- ✠ Titus 2 ~ *What we and Others are to Be Taught, We are to Set an Example*
- ✠ Titus 3:1-11 ~ *Doing Things like Christ did*
- ✠ 2 Peter 3 ~ *Meditate on the True Beauty “Factors” of Women that are mentioned here is Scripture. And the Second Part of This Passage is a Reminder that Suffering for Doing the Right Thing is Going to Happen.*
- ✠ Ephesians 5:22-33 ~ *Marriage – it will Probably be Part of your Life – This Gives you Insight into your Role as a Future Husband, and Guess What? Your Training Starts Today.*
- ✠ Eph. 6:1-3 ~ *We are to Obey, not just listen to our Parents, and yes, it will be Difficult*
- ✠ Eph. 6:4 ~ *Read this verse with a Thinking Mind. Yes, Parents can Mess up, but our Role isn’t to put them down but build them up. Plus, you will Probably be a Father One Day so This Verse Applies to You . . . and it Would even if you were a Girl, because we can Learn from all Scripture.*

LESSON 6, VARIOUS ELEMENTS THAT A MAN NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND AND APPLY

Obedience

Scripture:

“If ye love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15 KJV

As Christians, we are to be obedient to Christ; if we aren't we show that we don't really love Him. Think about that for a minute.

Submission

Submission is not just mindless obedience, it is respect of the authority that God has given or placed someone in, whether or not you agree with everything they stand for.

Examples:

We are to submit to Christ as Christ submits to the Father. Likewise, children submit to their parents and the Church, the Bride of Christ, submits to Christ. And as a wife to her husband (Eph. 5).

Respect

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the

minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For for this cause pay *ye* tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." Romans 13:1-7 KJV

We need to respect others—our parents, those in authority, and everyone else. We may not agree and we might even challenge or argue with certain people, but we are always called to respect (Rom. 13:1-7).

Point to Contemplate:

EVEN IN FIGHTING A WAR, RESPECT CAN BE EXERCISED.

Calling

“According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 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. 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. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall*

neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:3-11 KJV

You have a calling. That "calling" does not have to be "ministry" related. It can be to the world of business, medicine, photography, law, writing, computers, teaching, conservation, counseling, carpentry, building, manufacturing, lawn care, etc . . . You are the only person like you! No one else in the world has the skills and personality exactly like you have. **You are extra-ordinary!** God has given you a special gift—you, and who you are.

Finding our calling isn't always as hard as we make it. Simply ask God to show it to you.

God does have a calling on your life and it is possible that it is linked to your future (or present) vocation. God wants His people in the airline industry, in the ministry, in manufacturing, in film production, in computer possessing, in small business, ect. . . Not everyone can reach the people that you can with the gospel! That is why God gives many different callings and interests to His people. There are many people who never take a step into a church and your vocation can bring you into contact with them again and again on a regular basis. This can open some opportunities to share Christ! You are a missionary because you bear the Light of Christ everywhere you go! The only question is will you follow God's leading to be a Light around them?

Your notes on the subject:

Discipleship and the Great Commission

Jesus Christ gave His disciples the command to make more disciples (Matt. 28:19). We do this through the empowerment and strength of the Holy Spirit, our Counselor. We cannot do it on our own—at least not as He wants us to. **This is Christianity at its core!—spending time with the Lord and other Christians. Then, after encouraging each other, we follow the Holy Spirit’s leading to spread salt and light where we are, simply by listening for the Holy Spirit’s promptings.** *If we continually keep giving and sowing as God directs us, the harvest will keep coming as God wills.*

Your notes on the subject:

Purpose – You do have one

You have a purpose! God put you here, in this year, in this place, in this culture for a certain reason. I believe He even put you in this class. Will you be the reformer and light as you live your purpose, or will you just sit around like the average person and never really pursue God?

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Your Notes on the Subject:

A Man's Time

Your time is important and it is limited. In life you constantly spend time, you cannot earn any more time. However, you can spend your time in a meaningful way; for example, **spending time** with God and with your family. Or you can waste your time, such as playing too many video games or reading your news feed on Facebook too often.

What are you usually spending time on? What do you enjoy spending your time on?

On what do you want (or think you should) spend your time on?

Your notes on the subject:

Watch your Entertainment!

A man needs to be careful what he allows through his eye gate (Matt. 6:22-23). If God is convicting you of something you are watching, please stop doing it. If you do not listen to God's voice of conviction you will eventually shut yourself off to Him and your relationship with Christ will fade, and if you don't get back on track, it will wither away (John 15). Please stay in tune with God and desire His presence and leading more than anything else. If you do this, you will take a big step toward keeping your eyes on the Mark.

Your Notes on the Subject:

WORK (PERSONAL ASSIGNMENT) FOR GROWTH

- † James 1:2-27 ~ *Hard Times, Temptation, and the importance of both Listening and Doing*
- † James 2 ~ *No Special Treatment for Certain People and Faith requires Deeds: the two are Inseparable*
- † James 3 ~ *Our Tongue a Problem and God's Wisdom or Man's?*
- † James 4 ~ *Submitting to Our Lord and Boasting Trouble*
- † James 5 ~ *Oppressive People, have Patience when you are Suffering, and having Faith in Prayer*

LESSON 7, A BOY'S WAR MANUAL & OUR GROWTH CAN LEAD TO BETTER LEADERSHIP

Standing for what is right – Jack

Several years ago

This guy who I'll call Jack for the sake of protecting his identity, had a crush on my sister. He was constantly trying to sit by her, talk to her, or touch her. He kept on bugging her, and trying to get closer to her. I knew that his actions were not right and voiced my opinion. In addition, I kept my eyes on him like a hawk. I was so consumed with watching this guy's actions that I did not even feel like I could go to the restroom because I did not know what he would do when I was gone.

After voicing my opinion by basically saying KNOCK IT OFF, this guy kept on and on not respecting my sister. He was not getting the message of GO AWAY, so I stepped in another way to defend my sister's honor. . . . Around this time in his life, Jack had had ingrown toenails and they had recently been removed. When he got out of hand, I simply stomped on his foot. This would hurt him for a few moments and then the pain lessened enough that he kept on doing what he had been doing. The "fight" never got huge, but the defense and honor of my sister was at stake. *It is one thing to like a girl, but it is a whole different thing to lack respect for her.*

You can learn from this story that there comes a time when peacefully voicing your petition is not enough and you have to physically fight. Now, **please do not misunderstand, you never should just go around beating up anybody who likes your sister or annoys you**, but if a kid is getting beaten up across the way, what will you do? Will you step in? Will you risk your own safety to help someone else? Would Jesus?

Think about It:

Would Jesus fight to defend the kid that was being attacked by bullies? What about a “guy” that was messing with his sister?

My Answer: I believe He would.

Your notes on the subject:

Spiritual Leadership – Prayer

As we have previously looked at, spiritual leadership involves many things from ***making decisions*** to ***personally maintaining and continuing our own spiritual growth***, but another vital part of leadership is prayer. Do you pray for those under your care? What about for your friends? Your family? Do you lift up others needs before your Father, who is rich in everything beyond our comprehension?

Prayer is not about using big words or fancy speech. It is simply talking to God like He is there—and He is, so why be afraid?

Your notes on the subject:

Boldness with Humility

When you are humble you can still be **bold**. In Scripture, Moses is declared the most humble man (Numbers 12:3). Take a moment and think about what you know of Moses; then try to grasp what true humility is. By looking at how he (Moses) progressed in boldness we learn a valuable key to humility: **Moses grew bolder because his relationship with God grew deeper. His humility was always rooted and fed by his God.** Do you remember our first lesson, *Our Foundation*? Moses' foundation in Jehovah was the key for his humility and it can be for us as well.

Likewise, what was Jesus like, was He humble? Yes, he was. But we again see that he was bold in many instances. Jesus refused to conform to the world and did what was right because God said it was right. Jesus did what God told Him to do without compromising. **When you are truly humble, God's opinion and standards will be the only thing that you base your actions, responses, and life on.**

**HUMBLENESS IS NOT COWARDICE, RATHER BOLDNESS
COMMITTED TO THE MOST LOVING FATHER EVER – GOD.**

Your notes on the subject:

Proverbs – A Boy’s War Manual

The book of Proverbs is the book of wisdom. Young men and old men, you need wisdom and Proverbs is the book that will give you that. In fact, you can learn wisdom there that applies to **every** area of life. Here’s a few of the categories contained in it: women, business, the mouth, moms and dads, humility, honesty (the most important factor of business), working hard, hate, and pride. Pick up the book of Proverbs. It’s for your benefit.

Your notes on the subject:

Balance – A Time for Everything

“Where Your Focus Goes the Power Flows” – Vincent Newfield, a
quote from his father

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Your life contains a range of activities such as school, play, chores, and work. The difficulty is that you can spend too much time playing and not enough time working or so much time working that you don’t have time to play; and what about a Sabbath rest? How do you balance it all so that you get just the right amount? The

answer is asking God, reading what His Word has to say about it, and actually putting forth the effort to change what you know that you need to.

Is your life fairly balanced right now?

Your notes on the subject:

Final Recommendations for Biblical Manhood Study:

Continue Bible study on your own and with other men. Proverbs and Psalms are an excellent place to start, and the letters from Paul, specifically 1 & 2 Corinthians, James, Titus, Colossians, Galatians, 1 & 2 Timothy, and 1 & 2 Peter are great places to continue. Also remember to respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction and direction!

Also, feel free to use this book again. When we are engaged in life, sometimes we need to refresh our minds about things, such as, work or the importance of how we use our time.

A Word From the Author. . . .

Congratulations, you have now successfully completed the Biblical Manhood class or seminar. Hopefully it wasn't easy and you learned some life changing principles. Remember that the battles that we talked about will continue throughout your life, but God is still there with you. May you have Peace, Strength, Encouragement and Joy in the Name above all Names. ~Amen

D.S. Feel free to continue to join me on the Facebook group ~*Biblical Manhood*. Post how God has been working in your life. Invite friends to the group, and support each other in your Walk to Biblical Manhood. Our lives ARE A JOURNEY and it is going to be Awesome as long as we pursue Him! God Bless,

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