

Afflicted and Sanctified for His Glory ...Matthew 6:19-24

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all."

...Psalm 34:19 (NKJV)

"There is no attribute of God more comforting to His children than the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty. Under the most adverse circumstances, in the most severe troubles — they believe that Sovereignty has ordained their afflictions, that Sovereignty overrules them, and that Sovereignty will sanctify them all." ...Charles Spurgeon

1. Rah.. Ra' (Afflictions)...

- Evil, Distress, Misery, Injury, Calamity...
- KJV Bible Dictionary: The state of being afflicted; a state of pain, distress, or grief. Some virtues are seen only in affliction. The cause of continued pain of body or mind, as sickness, losses, calamity, adversity, persecution.

2. Do not worry...

Scripture: Matthew 6:25

- "But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand" ...Isaiah 64:8

3. Cast your cares upon Him, He cares for you...

Scripture: Matthew 6:26-27

- "He gives to the beast its food, And to the young ravens that cry." ...Psalm 147:9
- Worrying leads to Anxiety... "Be still, and know that I am God" ...Psalm 46:10

4. Lilies, Glory, and Grass...

Scripture: Matthew 6:28-30

- "Neither toil or spin"... why do we? ...For our glory or His? ...Ecclesiastes 4:4-8, 12:11-14
- Solomons Glory.. God's creation is more beautiful than the toil and work of men...
- Unbelievers and Believers... Grass in the flames! ...James 1:11

5. Eat... Drink... Wear...? Christ is more than enough!...

Scripture: Matthew 6:31-34

- "And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. ...John 6:35
- The difference between being of the world and being an adopted Son. ...Romans 9:8
- Do not seek the world like the unbeliever... Trust God in all of your afflictions...
- Live today for the Glory of God!

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. While facing affliction... How can you fully trust in God and not worry about tomorrow?

3. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?
How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)