STRONG MEN Legacy Makers

Adam...(Part 2), Lessons in Being a Man of God ...Genesis 3

"Be <u>watchful</u>, <u>stand firm in the faith</u>, <u>act like men</u>, be <u>strong</u>. <u>Let all that you do be done in love</u>."
...1Corinthians 16:13-14

Words of •"When the Holy Spirit is in full control of our lives, He will expect our obedience to the written Word of God. But it is part of our human problem that we would like to be full of the Spirit and yet go on and do as we please!" ~A.W. Tozer
Wisdom •"It's easy to do what's right if right is the only option...God wants us to choose Him, not be forced!"

Lessons Learned from Adam

Review...

- © Created to BE God's Image Bearer...Genesis 1:26, Genesis 2:7
- Man's God-given Responsibility and Commission...Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 2:22-24, Genesis 3:6, (See #2 below...)
 The Gift of Free-Will...Genesis 2:16-17
- Ocomplete when Together...Genesis 2:18, 21-22
- A Common Trap...Genesis 3:1-6, 1John 2:15-17
- Fooled by the Forbidden...Genesis 3:6, Genesis 2:9 (Lust of there Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life)
- Where are YOU?...Genesis 3:9
- 1. Keep God in Front of You...

Scripture: Joshua 1:7, Hebrews 12:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-7, Ephesians 2:8-10

- Whatever is your focus will steer your direction...
- 2. Be the Man God Created and Called You to Be...

Scripture: Genesis 3:6, Joshua 1:5-9, 1Corinthians 15:58, 1Corinthians 16:13-14, Ephesians 5:25-33, 1Peter 3:7

- God has given us responsibilities and authority...Don't neglect or abuse it...
- 3. Finish Strong, regardless of the path behind you...

Scripture: Revelation 2:5, Galatians 1:22-23

- Remember...Repent...Start Over...
- We are known and remembered for how we become (for the good or the bad), not how we started...

1. What does it mean to "Keep God in front of you", and how can you actively apply that in your life?

2. READ <u>Hebrews 12:1-2 and Ephesians 2:8-10</u>, and <u>circle every **instruction** or **reason** why we need to "Keep God in front of us" at all times. Then **explain** why you circled each one, and how it applies in your life.</u>

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)...

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Proverbs 3:5-7 (ESV)...

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)...

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

- 3. Think about your life, and the opportunities, gifts, and talents you have as an Image Bearer/Man created in "God's image".
 - •What has He blessed you with and what opportunities and/or responsibilities has He given you?
 - Who has He brought into your life to love and care for?
 - How are you doing with who and what He's given you?
- 4. What stood out the most to you from tonight's message and/or discussion that you can apply to 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)