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

"And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
 ...Matthew 22:37-40

Words of •"If you look to others you will be distracted; if you look to yourselves you will be discouraged; but if you look to Christ you'll be delighted." ~ Warren W. Wiersbe

Wisdom •"You do not move ahead by constantly looking in a rear view mirror. The past is a rudder to guide you, not an anchor to drag you. We must learn from the past but not live in the past." ~ Warren W. Wiersbe

Lessons Learned from Adam

Review...

- Created to BE God's Image Bearer...Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:7
- Man's God-given Responsibility and Commission...Genesis 2:15-17, Genesis 2:22-24
 - The Gift of Free-Will...Genesis 2:16-17
- Complete 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, Matthew 22:37-40

- 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...

Group Discussion

1. READ **Genesis 1:26-27** and discuss...What does it mean to be an “*Image Bearer of God*”, and how does your understanding of that effect how you live and the life-choices you make?

2. READ **Joshua 1:7-9**, and **circle** every word that gives **specific instruction** that requires **action**, and describe what that “**action**” is. Then **explain** how each action can be effectively added or accomplished in your life.

Joshua 1:7-9 (ESV)...

7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.

8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

3. In tonight’s message we’ve talked about *Free Will*, and your God-given *Calling* and *Commission* to love God and to love people, and be the man that He created you to be...

([1Corinthians 15:58](#), [1Corinthians 16:13-14](#), [Ephesians 5:25-33](#), [1Peter 3:7](#), [Matthew 22:37-40](#))

- How does your *Free Will*, and God’s *Calling* and *Commission*, come together in your life?

4. How will you effectively and consistently practice God’s calling to love others and reflect Him (*bearing His image*) in your life in the following relationships...

- As a Husband...
- As a Dad...
- As a Son...
- As a Brother...
- As a Friend...
- As a Man of God wherever you go...

Prayer

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*)