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Exploring Biblical Manhood

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WELCOME

GETTING WARMED UP WITH SOME TABLE TALK

1. What movie characters do you like which epitomize manliness? Why?
2. Where do we, as a society, tend to learn about the different roles we will play in life? What roles were expected of you?
3. What do you personally consider to be the roles of a man?
4. For you, is the word manly, positive or negative in its understanding and use?
5. When you first heard the title Roles of a Man, what came to your mind? Why are you here? Why have you come to Roles of a Man? Why did this class appeal to you?
6. What do you hope to learn?



1 INTRODUCTION

SPOTLIGHT ON THE TITLE ROLES OF A MAN Roles of a Man is based on God's revealed truth of God's special design for men. This series addresses what God specifically expects and desires for us as men. Marriage is not a prerequisite to these biblical roles. If we are single men - old or young, we are held accountable to learn and fulfill these roles in the context of our current lives.

As we apply the roles in this series, we become a blessing and strength to our Bible study classes, our churches, our family, our workplace, our ministry and even society. Doing so is God's design. The lessons learned will also prepare us to be the husbands and fathers God calls us to be. Many times the context of the scripture passage may be in regard to the marriage relationship with a woman, yet the implication in most cases is general for all men and specific for marriage.

Even if God never blesses us with the gift of marriage, we are called as men to be a blessing to all by living out these godly roles. As an uncle to a niece or nephew, as a life bible study member to a guest, as a Christian brother to a Christian sister – whatever the relationship might be, we are to fulfill the role of being a godly man.

We share this material in context of the church. These roles should challenge us individually and corporately as the body of Christ. The church should provide a safe community for us to practice and develop God's practical manhood roles so we can apply them to all of life.

Proverbs 27:17



1 INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION What is it women want, the church needs and the world is dying for? Or “Our Operating Hypothesis for Roles of a Man.”

Most people do not want to be _____
or even to _____.

Instead, people want to be _____
just like Christ is the head of the church.

God’s desire for men is that they would carry out the role of
_____.



RULES/LAWS & PRINCIPLES Before we talk about our roles, let us make some distinctions between rules/laws, principles, roles and how these fit together.

In general, rules/laws and principles are foundational building blocks for a godly man. Let's look at these two areas first.

1. Rules or laws are _____ demands or commands which apply to all people the same way. They are moral in nature. They are not _____. Everyone should abide by them the same way. Remember, rules are inflexible and apply to all of us.

2. Principles are forces (or best practices) operating all around us in the world. We can choose to _____ them or _____ them, but we cannot ignore them if we wish to succeed or best glorify God.

THE CHOICE FOR EVERY MAN IS TWO-FOLD:

First, will I place myself under the Lordship of Christ and his morality in life, hence, be qualified as a _____?

Secondly, will I submit myself to the principles and roles of Biblical manhood in order to become a _____?

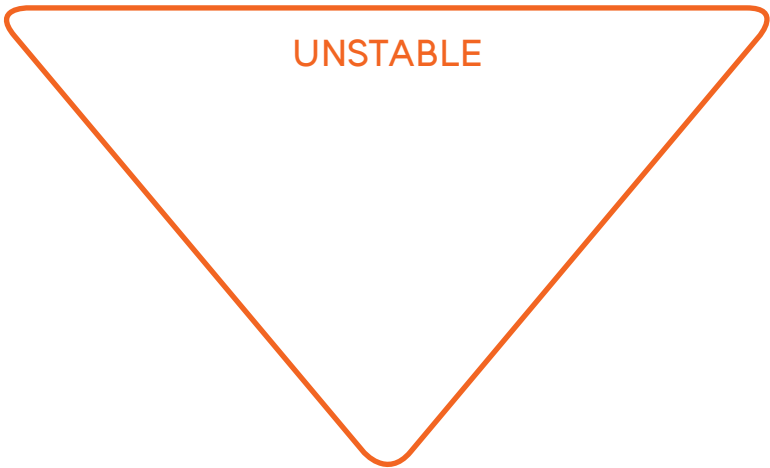
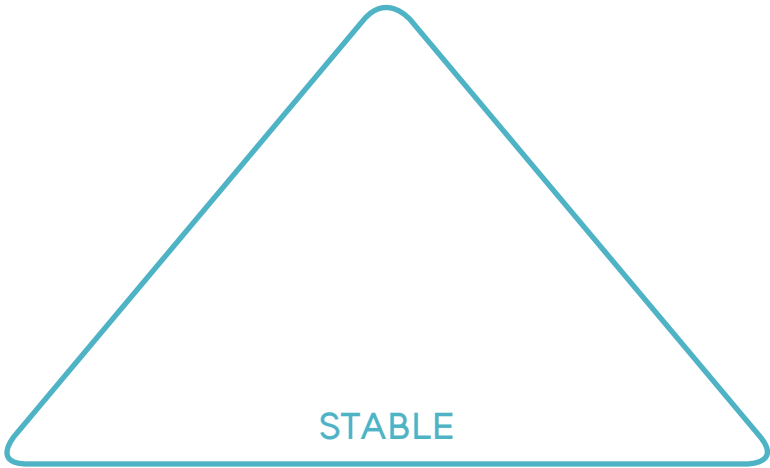
Now that we have nailed down rules and principles, let's look at roles:

3. Roles are the proper or customary _____ of a person in a family, society or other group.



WHERE DO ROLES FIT IN?

4. Best practice of a prioritized life (living a bless-able life)





RELEVANT SCRIPTURE God's Word is filled with scripture which addresses the character he desires to see in his people. These include men's roles, women's roles, marriage roles and the overall aroma over life (2 Cor. 2:15 "Aroma of Christ"). Here are just a few passages to read. Consider the aroma God desires us to produce.

Matthew 12:29

Ephesians 4:11-13

Matthew 19:4-6

Genesis 2:15-25

Malachi 2:14-16

Galatians 5:22-26

Joshua 24:15

II Peter 3:11-13

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Ephesians 5:22-33

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

1 Timothy 5:1-16

Romans 7

James 2:12-13

Ephesians 5:21

Deuteronomy 22:13-30

Hebrews 13:4

Genesis 1:26-28

1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

Numbers 30:1-16

Genesis 3:1-21

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

Philippians 4:8-9

Proverbs 5:15-21



2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MEN

BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF MANHOOD

As we have met with men for over 50 years of combined ministry experience, we have seen a few areas which have made or broken manhood. One is the lack of clarity. According to Robert Lewis, in *Quest for Authentic Manhood*, the biblical definition of manhood is that men:

- Reject Passivity
- Accept Responsibility
- Lead Courageously
- Invest Eternally

Another area in need of clarity is the principle found in Genesis 2:24.

ONE ESSENTIAL PRINCIPLE

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

It is easy to possibly dismiss this as just another passage on marriage. In reality, it reveals the heart of a man who is living out the roles of a man. Marriage is just one context where we apply our roles as men. As we said earlier, however, manhood begins today. It is a choice we make.

Perhaps one of the more challenging hurdles for us as men (all ages and circumstances) is the principle we see in this passage of leaving our parents.

LEAVE

To leave literally means to _____ or _____.

“To leave your parents means that your relationship with your parents is _____ changed.” – Wayne Mack, author.



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Leaving our parents involves more than moving out from under their roof.

To “leave” our parents requires us to leave them _____,
_____ and _____.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LEAVE AUTHORITATIVELY, FINANCIALLY & EMOTIONALLY?

Most men sever the authoritative and financial bonds with their parents fairly easily as they finish their education, find jobs and move into their own housing. However, it is estimated that _____ of men do not cut the emotional strings to their parents. If this is true, _____ of those men (and their marriages if they are married) are becoming great men according to the principles God has established for us!

Leaving should not be done in a hurtful manner, even though pain may be involved. Even after he leaves, a man is to _____ his parents.

Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Exodus 20:12

And he said to them: “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.’”

Mark 7:9-10

If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8



2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MEN

Leaving is not only a geographical matter (separate house or city or state), even though it may _____ a physical move for the man to truly leave and thus establish his own home.

Ironically, the death of one's parents changes _____!
Leaving is a matter of the mind and the heart. It is a choice we each must make.

EMOTIONAL BONDAGE

The _____ of leaving.

A man will never appropriately live out his role of a biblical man if he is hindered by emotional bondage – or the inability to leave his family either _____ or _____.

We agree with Robert Lewis' term used for the "process a man goes through in becoming emotionally free": _____.

How will you know if you have left or not?

This is a helpful quiz to give some indication of whether or not you might be struggling with emotional bondage.

EMOTIONAL BONDAGE QUIZ

Do you act differently when you are at home with your family than when you are at work or church?

Do you stay in regular contact with your family?

After a conversation with your parents, do you feel anger or frustration?



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Do you often say, "That person reminds me of my father/mother," and become angry?

Do you tend to perform activities just so your parents will be proud?

THE RESPONSIBILITY

So who is held responsible?

Leave is written to _____.

Cleave is written to _____.

Become one, is written to _____.

Man is _____ for whether a marriage works or not.

Men have an awesome _____ to be lovers of, and warriors for, society, their church and their marriages.

"... all that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men to do _____." Edmund Burke

TABLE TALK

1. The first principle given to a man was to leave. Why can leaving be hard for us as men?
2. What are some practical ways you can practically learn to leave within the church?



2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MEN

Remember, principles are forces operating all around us. We can choose to agree with them or defy them, but we cannot do away with them. Simply stated, God holds men responsible. However, principles are not as strict as his moral laws/rules. The following _____ roles should not be seen as hard rules; rather they are high ideals that best position men for _____ and glorifying God.

Biblical Roles	Illustration	Actions	Characteristics
 Protector			
 Provider			
 Discipler			
 Leader-Servant			



MEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Look at the importance of having even just one dedicated man:

I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their heads all they have done,' declares the Sovereign Lord. *Ezekiel 22:30-31*

In Genesis, Noah saved mankind from complete devastation because of his righteousness. God searched the planet and found just _____ worthy enough for the task of continuing the human race (and all the animals, of course).

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 6:8

Later in Genesis, God searched the city of Sodom for just ten righteous men, but none were found. _____

And what was the result? The city was utterly destroyed.

Genesis 18:16-33

Be alert, stand firm in the faith, _____, be strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13 (HCSB)

And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. ¹² Be of good courage, and _____ for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jehovah do that which seemeth him good. ² *Samuel 10:11-12 (ASV)*

We fight for _____ and their _____.

Not for ourselves.



2 GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MEN



YOUR ROLE AS PROTECTOR

CREATING A SAFE HARBOR

TABLE TALK

1. What difference does a godly man make in a family? A church? As a coach? In an apartment complex? Neighborhood? At work? As a boss? As a laborer?
2. What does it mean to be a godly, righteous man in church and family?
3. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being best), how courageous are you on behalf of family, church, society? What would be the next step you could take to grow more courageous?
4. What or who has helped you grow to this point?



3 FOUR PRACTICAL ROLES FOR MEN



PROTECTOR

CREATING A SAFE HARBOR

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT GENESIS: Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Genesis 3:1

When the serpent arrived on the scene in the Garden of Eden, he purposefully _____ going to Adam. Satan went around the head (man) to see if the head (man) would step up.

So, where was Adam during all of this?

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eye and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some _____ and he ate it. Genesis 3:6

_____ standing alongside her.

But notice that, after the original sin is committed, God does not put Eve in the hot seat. Instead, he calls on _____ made in his image – Adam.

But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" Genesis 3:9

Simply put, Adam failed to fulfill his role as _____.



WHAT DOES “PROTECTION” MEAN?

When you hear the word protection what do you think of? The concept of “protection” brings to mind images of a _____ or _____.

Major importance is placed on the _____ that is created and maintained for the woman and others. Hebrews 3:12

Men are the guardians or protectors of the atmosphere of the home, church, office and society. This includes making it safe:

E _____
S _____
P _____

The godly man is to make it safe enough to _____ the deeper things of life not just facts and opinions, but hopes, dreams and fears.

PROTECTOR FUELS COMPANIONSHIP The number one desire of women is _____. Good companionship needs a safe environment to develop and grow properly.

A companion is not a “_____” that you just do things with – go to the movies, hang out and get coffee or take a walk at a park. Rather, a companion is a person who is _____ (or _____) with another. (Remember the concept of cleaving to another?)

For most men, the difficulty with bonding is that it requires _____ and _____. (GULP!)

QUESTIONS FOR THOUGHT: What are some principles for discerning when to speak and when to be silent?



3 PROTECTOR

Have you ever had second thoughts about how you communicate with the men/women in your life?

Have you ever felt convicted by the Holy Spirit about any boundaries you've crossed?

The Bible provides clear instructions on how we can develop our communication skills before marriage. Let's take a look:

Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity. ¹ Timothy 5:1-2

GOD IS OUR STRENGTH Let's be honest with each other. There are times when we, as men, will feel inadequate to protect as God has called us to do. But God is good to provide for our needs, he will equip us to do the work he has appointed for us.

Can plunder be taken from warriors, or captives rescued from the fierce? But this is what the LORD says, "Yes, captives will be taken from warriors, and plunder retrieved from the fierce; I [GOD] will contend with those who contend with you, and your children I [GOD] will save." Isaiah 49:24-25

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He [GOD] has sent me [JESUS] to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed . . . Luke 4:18



GOD AS FATHER TO THE FATHERLESS

People who do not have fathers lack a man to defend and protect them. However, God steps in and serves as their defender.

Do not move an ancient boundary stone or encroach on the fields of the fatherless, for their Defender is strong; He will take up their case against you. *Proverbs 23:10*

God in His holy dwelling is a father of the fatherless and a champion of widows. *Psalm 68:5*

Provide justice for the needy and the fatherless; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. *Psalm 82:3*

PROTECTOR OF OUR LIFE BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

TABLE TALK

From what does a man defend his Bible study?
What does he defend his home from?

Are we always safe to be around?

What is the atmosphere or emotional tone of your Bible study class or your home?

What qualities about a man make him safe to be around?



3 PROTECTOR

If there is not any emotional closeness (intimacy), then the opposite is true. Emotional intimacy develops more rapidly when two things are properly present in a relationship especially in a Bible Study Class:
_____ and _____.

One of the basic needs that a man is to protect is _____. This provides a sense of safety/security and connection. We see it in Scripture – God speaking to Jesus.

And there came a voice from heaven: This is my beloved Son. I take delight in him! Mt 3:13-17

_____ (being needed, loved, wanted)
_____ (worth, importance, significance)
_____ (adequate, not stupid, not a failure)

ROBERT LEWIS - Three things every child needs to hear from their dad and every man needs to hear from a friend and every wife needs to hear from their husband - I _____ you. I am _____ of you. And you are good at _____.



3 PROTECTOR

Biblical Roles

Illustration

Actions

Characteristics



Protector

Harbor
Master

Maintaining a
Safe Harbor
Atmosphere

Protects the
Guarding,
Securing,
Order



Provider



Discipler



Leader-
Servant



3 PROTECTOR

LIVING OUT YOUR ROLE:

EVALUATE YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING CHART

A Radical Commitment to Living Out Biblical Manhood	Good	Grow
Defending the travelers from risks and dangers of the world (proactive and reactive)		
Communicates and interacts appropriately (safe boundaries)		
Creating a safe, comfortable atmosphere for deeper communication		
Emotionally, spiritually, physically		
Spiritual commitment precedes our emotional and physical involvement		
Creating a sense of belonging, value and competency		



LIVING OUT THE ROLE

What changes or improvements need to happen to improve your church, home or work into a safe atmosphere?

What is the biggest challenge for you in creating a safe atmosphere?

On a scale of 1-10 (10 being best) how safe of an atmosphere have you created at home, work and with your friends? What would be the next step you would take to create a safer harbor?



4 PROVIDER: THE DOCK MASTER



In America when we hear the word “provider,” especially in the context of a man’s role, we often think of _____ provision.

But what does God’s Word have to say about being a provider? Let’s go back to Adam and see what God had in mind for him.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. *Genesis 2:15*

That was before the Fall. Let’s fast forward to after the Fall and see what God had to say then.

To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.” Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living. *Genesis 3:17-20*

Work is our very _____. After the fall, since work is hard, we tend to avoid or look for short cuts. Work is in God’s plan for us and we think in heaven there will be tasks and work to be done.

Man’s role as provider is characterized by the attribute of _____.

This can be used for:

Physical_ needs

Spiritual_ needs

Emotional_ needs

Security_ needs



TABLE TALK

How strong are you in these areas?

Which is your stronger area?

Are you presently strengthening yourself? How?

BIG CAUTION Our need to compete can hurt the role of provider.

The dock master helps by unloading the cargo and by the exchanging of goods. A protector creates the right atmosphere, which creates a safe harbor.

A provider is one who is _____ enough to unload and load the cargo needed for the journey.

The provider functions as a dock master.

We are the dock masters who work on the wharves – providing the _____ needed to clear the deck and hull so that the ship can be _____.

Protector focuses on the _____ / _____ and the provider focuses on the _____.



4 PROVIDER: THE DOCK MASTER

PROVIDING MONETARILY is still an important area of exchange. While providing monetarily isn't the only way to provide for your family, God's Word clearly tells us that it is important.

If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ¹ Timothy 5:8

In fact, when we were with you, this is what we commanded you, "If anyone isn't willing to work, he should not eat." ² Thes. 3:10

When it comes to monetary provision, there are some truths that need to be kept in mind.

"Monetary provision is the _____ need for a woman to feel safe." (Gary Smalley). The protector provides the right atmosphere for the discussion to take place. How we spend money creates security in our home, church and business.

_____ is the right thing to do and making _____ for your family is too. However, making work your number one priority destroys the relational provision the man is to bring into the home.

Creating a _____ to give is a bonus!

Learn to _____ and stay within your means.

Stop living with a childish _____. A person's bank account is an illustration of the _____ in their life.

Too hard? Good News! God is the _____ protector and the _____/_____ provider. Psalm 60:4 and Gen 22:14



4 PROVIDER: THE DOCK MASTER

PROVIDING LEADERSHIP THE STRENGTH OF LEADING

Provision is not all about the money. God calls us to provide _____ by working in the home and in the church.

He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church? 1 Timothy 3:4-5

The priority here is _____ family. If our family is a wreck and we cannot manage it, we cannot be good stewards of God's family.

The point of the verse is that a man works _____ in his family and then he works in his _____.

A provider takes _____ or _____ to meet the needs of those he serves. When men provide the strength then others are able to come alongside and help.



4 PROVIDER: THE DOCK MASTER

Biblical Roles	Illustration	Actions	Characteristics
 Protector	Harbor Master	Maintaining a Safe Harbor Atmosphere	Protects the Guarding, Securing, Order
 Provider	Dock Master	Unloading the Cargo	Strength: Preparing, Investing, Proactive Being Involved
 Discipler			
 Leader-Servant			



4 PROVIDER: THE DOCK MASTER

LIVING OUT YOUR ROLE

EVALUATE YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING ROLE:

A Radical Commitment to Living Out Biblical Manhood

Good

Grow

Using the environment/atmosphere created by the protector, so that men can help load and unload the cargo needed for life's journey

Being the strong man that provides for physical, spiritual, emotional and security needs to be met.

Includes monetary provision, but is not limited to finances

LIVING OUT THE ROLE

1. How can you, as an individual man, go deeper into a person's life so that you can help unload and load what is necessary?

2. How can you better fulfill the role of provider, providing strength physically, spiritually, and emotionally where needed?

Provider Roles: In life bible study class/Sunday School class, or church?

In your work place?

Your circle of family and friends?

3. How important is it to be a trustworthy person, that really provides for others? How are you using the trust that people give to you?



5 DISCIPLER: CHIEF OFFICER



Once again, we return to Genesis and Adam. Early on in the story, God taught Adam not to eat the forbidden fruit.

And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.”

Genesis 2:16-17

We know that Eve is ultimately tricked by the serpent into eating the fruit and it was Adam whom God held responsible.

But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” Genesis 3:9

The implication is if Adam is held responsible then God expected Adam to _____ Eve about the forbidden fruit. Adam knew about the dangers, but failed to inform Eve – and you know what happened as a result!

Let’s take another look at what God had to say about Abraham. He had a very specific role for Abraham within his family – to serve as their discipler.

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct (teach) his children and his household after him to _____, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.

Genesis 18:19

In Deuteronomy, Moses instructs the men of Israel on what they are to teach when their sons come to them with spiritual questions.

In the future, when your son asks you, “What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God has commanded you?” _____ ... Deuteronomy 6:20



5 DISCIPLER: CHIEF OFFICER

God speaks to the _____ man Adam.

God speaks to the man as he leads his _____, Abraham.

God speaks to the men as they lead their _____,
through Moses.

The man, through protection and provision, establishes the right atmosphere and provides the strength to make it happen. These first two roles are _____ roles and now we build on these.

Now we can _____ a vision, direction, mission and prepare for the journey.

As the spiritual discipler we must:

_____ the needs,

_____ the people,

_____ the map and

_____ the supplies needed for the journey.

What are the supplies you might need (available cargo) to help others?

LEADERSHIP QUESTIONS

Is leadership a title or is it our _____?

Are we merely going to try to be a leader or will we _____
to be a leader?



5 DISCIPLER: CHIEF OFFICER

Therefore, as the discipler, we help prepare ourselves and other people (family, class, workers) at the safe harbor before we help with the journey back into the sea of life. At the dock, the discipler is getting the _____ to head back out.

What is church for?

TABLE TALK

Are you prepared personally?

What are the right practices and training so that you are prepared?

What are you training others in?



THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCERNMENT

(DISCERNING THE NEEDS)

Discernment is _____ to being a discipler, and it begins with fear of the Lord.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10

To be a discipler, you have to know what (content) and whom (relationship) you're talking about. The most important training for being a disciple is developing the _____ of seeking and _____ his truth.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

As we continue the journey of the Christian life, this verse reminds us of the role that scripture plays along the way.

His Word

shows you the _____ (doctrine)

shows you where you've _____ the path (reproof)

shows you how to _____ on the path (correction)

shows you how to _____ on the path (instruction)

The New Testament picture of this principle is being a disciple that is a _____. A disciple-maker prepares and then guides people in life.

A disciple-maker is one who continually _____ to the safe harbor to help others in their preparation of the journey.



TEACHER vs. DISCIPLER

A teacher shares information,

A discipler shares his life

A teacher aims for the head

A discipler aims for the heart

A teacher measures knowledge

A discipler measures faith

A teacher is an authority

A discipler is a servant under authority

A teachers says, "listen to me"

A discipler says, "follow me"

A discipler remains _____.

A BLESSING OF BEING A DISCIPLER

A CATALYST FOR CREATIVITY

A good _____ spiritual teacher is _____ enough to give the freedom to a person to be creative. Having and displaying trust and security in someone fuels creativity.

Where the environment is _____ creativity _____. Creating beauty happens best when men caringly have made the environment safe by _____ the family or group for the journey.



VISION-CENTRIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Becoming effective spiritual teachers requires us, as men, to establish positive accountability in our lives. Growing in and applying God's Word and developing our ability to discern are tasks that require community. Every man needs a brother to come alongside you and encourage, challenge and point out when we may be going astray.

Below is a list of some of the components of an accountability group.

Refinement of Vision : God has called me to...

- Establish a Grow Group (small group)
- Closed groups, but not cliquish
- Select only men who are faithful, available, teachable (FAT)
- Set length of time and frequency to meet
- Establish format and rules
- Proactive, not reactive
- Candid, not cruel confidential
- Limited number
- Duplicate group
- Positive
- Hate to let the others down



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 Discipler	Chief Officer	Making Available Needed Supplies, Equipment	Discerning Needs
 Leader-Servant			



5 DISCIPLER: CHIEF OFFICER

Living Out Your Role:

Evaluate yourself in the following role:

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Good

Grow

Discerns the needs

Prepares the people

Chooses the map for the journey

Collects the supplies

Biblically prepares themselves and others for the journey ahead - disciple-maker

LIVING OUT THE ROLE

1. What is one thing that stands out in this session?
2. What is the one thing you can do today to be a disciple? (regular prayer, daily devotional, grow group accountability, forgiveness)...
3. Are you prepared personally and what hinders your preparation for discipling, if anything? What are the right practices and training so that you are prepared?



6 SERVANT-LEADER: CAPTAIN



“...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

A captain needs a mission and a manifest.

Mission - make disciples.

Manifest - list of the cargo onboard - love God & love others.

Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”[Matthew 22:37-40](#)

A discipler, is the one who has the manifest of the supplies that are going on the boat.

Let's go back to Genesis.

From the very beginning before the fall, God appointed the man to serve and lead in his kingdom.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. [Genesis 2:15](#)



LIVING OUT THE JOURNEY

Post fall, today, we feel conflict and tension when we seek to lead women.

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." *Genesis 3:16*

Post fall, men struggle between the extremes of being autocratic and passive.

This is a lesson on whom God holds _____ / _____
to lead in a relationship between a man and a woman after the Fall.

Another example from God's Word can be found in Joshua.

Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the river and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. *Joshua 24:14-15*

Our job is not to lord over others, but to lead them to God, as the Israelite leader, Joshua was God's instrument to lead/guide the Israelites. He is a servant leader or a guide in judging spiritual and practical matters.

A judge makes _____ or _____ based upon agreed upon rules or laws.



6 SERVANT-LEADER: CAPTAIN

Before we discuss decision making, there are a few words that we need to define.

JUDGMENT is the ability to make a decision or form an opinion by discerning and evaluating. It is the capacity to make good

_____.

DISCERNMENT is to detect and be the detective.

INTUITION is the act or faculty of knowing _____ the use of rational processes. Having acute insight.

SCALES OF DECISION MAKING

- reactionary decisions
- intuitive decisions
- rational decisions
- intentional decisions

Problem is often _____ over an issue but make no decision.

TABLE TALK

Why do we as men tend to have a problem with making a decision?

How can you work to have better judgement in your life?

In summary, the man is responsible to serve as the servant leader by using his judgment and _____ characteristics to insure the success of the mission.



CHRIST'S EXAMPLE Who better to look to for an example of a leader/guide than Jesus Christ? We see in Philippians that he took on this role with a _____ heart.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross. *Philippians 2:5-8*

Jesus Christ also serves as a model for us in terms of how to love our wives.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... *Ephesians 5:25*

Christ's love toward the church was _____, and that's how we are called to love our wives. This is also even truer of Christian men and the bride of Christ. . .the church!

Let's look at what Christ had to say about those who were in authority.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." *Matthew 20:25-28*

Men lead and guide by _____!



CONSEQUENCES God instructs us as men to serve as servant leaders. But if that's not enough to convince you of the importance of this responsibility, listen to what God's Word says if we do not obey:

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 Peter 3:7

Our prayer lives will be impacted if we do not fulfill our responsibilities as prescribed by God.

PICTURE OF A SERVANT LEADER A servant leader serves as a captain going back out to sea to find the best route to take. A smart servant leader will ask for help along the way.



6 SERVANT-LEADER: CAPTAIN

Biblical Roles	Illustration	Actions	Characteristics
 Protector	Harbor Master Organized & safe harbor	Maintaining a Safe Harbor Atmosphere	Guarding/ Securing
 Provider	Dock Master In Charge of the Dock	Unloading the Cargo	Strength: Listening, Doing the Work
 Discipler	Chief Officer In Charge of the Manifest	Making Available Needed Supplies, Equipment	Discerning Needs: Investing, Preparing
 Leader- Servant	Captain Real Time Decisions	Going Back Into the Journey of Life	Serving Through Making Decision/ Judgements



LIVING OUT YOUR ROLE

EVALUATE YOURSELF IN THE FOLLOWING ROLE:

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Good

Grow

Serves by implementing the manifest of the journey

Determines which path to take

Makes judgements and decisions along the way

Helps others arrive at the destination - even when it costs him personally
train others to do the same - ministering

LIVING OUT THE ROLE

Do you find decision making to be easy or hard, why?

What kind of decision do you tend to use the most?

Reactionary

Rational

Intentional

Intuitive

How can you, as a man, best fulfill the role of servant-leader in your current life circumstances? In your Sunday School class or church events? In your workplace? Among your friends and family?



GREAT DISCOVERY: APPLICATION (APPLICOLOGY)

HOW THE ROLES INTERACT

Here are God's words about his servant, Abraham.

For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him. *Genesis 18:19*

What is the mission of Abraham according to this passage? Notice the four roles of a man in this text.

"direct his children and his household" _____

"after him" (setting an example) _____

"to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just"

"that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him"

KEY TAKE AWAYS:

Where is protection found?

You cannot pick and choose which role you want to use. All the roles interconnect.

In class or in marriage you may delegate tasks that are related to your role as a man, but you are still the responsible person in the eyes of God.



GREAT DISCOVERY: APPLICATION (APPLICOLOGY)

Often we feel inadequate because of our past or our insecurity, but we must always remember that we serve a greater God. If we stand up, if we step up, if we speak up, the Lord will bring it to pass.

This is not about us being great men, this is about a great God.
I can't, but God can!

Take the following short survey to see how you are doing in your life as a protector, provider, discipler leader-servant.

This is written to any man, so if you are single, married, divorced, a widower, apply these to your life. Look for where the Lord has blessed you and where you need to improve and grow.



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Need to Grow



Protector

Defending the travelers from risks and dangers of the world (proactive & reactive)

Communicates and interacts appropriately (safe boundaries)

Creating a safe, comfortable atmosphere for deeper communication (family, friends)

Emotionally, spiritually, physically healthy

Spiritual commitment precedes our emotional and physical involvement



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Need to
Grow



Provider

As the protector, being the dock master, that can help load and unload the cargo needed for the journey

Being a man of strength that provides for physical, spiritual, emotional and security needs to be met.

Provides monetarily, but also takes care of additional needs.



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Need to Grow



Discipler

Discerns the needs of those in your care

Prepares the people

Chooses the map for the journey. Where are you headed?

Collects the supplies

Biblically prepared for the journey ahead.



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