



Soldiers For God Ministries

The “Man of God” Course Week 3

The third week of our study, we focused primarily on the importance of the man of God not being controlled by man or woman.

We went over five statements that summarize our study:

1. A Man of God is Not Lazy But Diligent (Matt 9:38)
2. A Man of God Doesn't Rely on Human Wisdom (Prov 3:5-6)
3. A Man of God isn't controlled; He's Spirit led. (Gal 5:25)
4. A Man of God Disciplines Himself & Disciples Others. (1 Cor 9:27)
5. A Man of God is Not Fully Grown Until He reaches The Measure of Christ. (Eph 4:9-16)

Focusing on statement three; “A Man of God isn't controlled; He's Spirit led.” The Bible shows us the God-given creation order of the family in Genesis 2:18 (ESV). *Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”* & in Genesis 2:24 (KJV) *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh...* This neatly shows us that the woman was made to help the man in his work, not the other way around. And also that the man's father and mother would have no more control over the man but that he would leave his father's household and be joined to his wife and begin to walk in the leadership God has called him to walk in. This is not to say godly parents can't give wise counsel but simply to shine light on the importance of the God given duty for a man to be the leader of his own family.

The bad example of Ahab shows us just how much evil can happen when a woman has too much influence over her husband. 1 Kings 21:25 (NLT) *(No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the LORD's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel,* which was the underlying disease of the Jezebel spirit... Pontius Pilate shows us that a leader's weakness led to the crucifixion of Christ because he feared man and wasn't strong enough or courageous enough to do what he knew was right. These bad examples show us that men of God need to be able to make their own decisions based on the leading of the Spirit, not to be controlled by others. This isn't to say men of God don't have leaders; they do. But there are areas in every man's life that he must be the leader of. Sometimes it may be tempting to let someone else bear the weight of responsibilities and decisions, but this is not an option for the Man of God.

Joshua, the attendant of Moses, the Man of God, gives us a great example of what it means for a Man of God to have a leader and become a leader in his own right. The task Joshua faced was very frightening, leading millions of people into battle to claim the land God had promised to their ancestors. Taking over for such a great leader is a huge amount of pressure to live up to on its own. Nevertheless, Joshua receives a command from the LORD in Joshua 1:9 (ESV) “*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.*” Joshua rose up and became the Man God was calling him to be, and he led the people into the promised land, fulfilling his calling and commissioning for the glory of God.

Today we need exactly this: men who, by the Spirit of God, become strong and courageous to live out their God-given commission in the God-given order shown all the way back at the creation account.

Men of God Lead!



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Name _____

1.) True or False: Knowledge is to know; wisdom is to apply.

True False

2.) What was Paul explaining in Philippians 3:12-16?

Write your answer. _____

3.) What did Ahab & Herod Antipas have in common?

(A) Both were Kings of Israel and Judah (B) Both were influenced by their wives (C) Both were ruthless (D) All the above

4.) Fill in the blank and write your answer: (Two part question.) Pontius Pilate was a weak man and leader because instead of having the fear of God, he had the fear of _____ and it led to the crucifixion of Christ. What can we learn from this?

Write your answers _____

5.) What Scripture shows a man has authority in the marriage?

A. 1 Corinthians 11:3 B) 1 Peter 3:1-6 C) Ephesians 5:22-24 D) All the above

6.) In Joshua chapter 1, how many times was Joshua told to be strong and courageous ?

(A) 5 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 7

7.) A Man of God disciplines himself and disciples others. What is the Greek word Paul uses for discipline in 1 Corinthians 9:27?

Write your answers _____

8.) Men of God are called to lead their families, but this doesn't mean they don't have leaders. Which scripture shows us that even men of God have leaders?

(A) Hebrews 13:7 (B) 1 Thess 5:12-13 (C) 1 Peter 5:5 (D) All the above

9.) Scripture shows in Genesis 2:18 that the woman was made to help the man in his work and not the other way around. And in Genesis 2:24 it shows that a man leaves his father and mother to lead his own family instead of them leading his family. What can we learn from this order that God set in creation?

Write your answers _____

10.) What does Acts 5:26-29 teach us about getting in trouble and causing issues around us for God?

Write your answers _____

Extra reading

Men of God are called to lead their families, sometimes families don't follow right away but the greatest way to lead is by example. Joshua led the people of Israel this way when he said... Joshua 24:15 (ESV) "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." When teaching or learning that a man has authority over the wife and the family it's very important to keep in mind that Christian leadership is a position of service. We serve our families by leading and Disciplining them. Be patient, make allowance, and use wisdom when teaching or instructing. Ask the Lord for wisdom in communicating the word to your wife or children since often times there can be offenses. If the wife or family seem not to be following, don't force anything, just continue to be a good example, shining God's light and showing the love of Christ, remembering these scriptures often Ephesians 6:4 NLT "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord." Ephesians 5:25-31 NLT "For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. And we are members of his body. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Remember also that husbands and wives should stick up for one another not talk bad about one another.

Colossians 3:19 (NLT) Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.