

THE GREATEST MARK OF A MAN: GIVING

The Marks of a Real Man: Conclusion

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WHAT GOD WANTS A MAN TO GIVE

John 15:1-17

God wants me to GIVE MY...

1. LIFE OVER TO CHRIST'S CONTROL.

"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener... You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you." (John 15:1-3, NLT)

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it." (Mark 8:35, NLT)

ACTION STEP: CLASS 101 & BAPTISM

2. GRATITUDE FOR CHRIST'S CULTIVATION.

"...he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more." (John 15:2b, NLT)

"May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God." (Philippians 1:11, NLT)

3. CONNECTION AND CONCERNS TO CHRIST'S CARE.

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing... But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" (John 15:4-5, 7 NLT)

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:6-7, NLT)

ACTION STEP: CLASS 201 TUESDAY 5:30PM

4. SERVICE TO CHRIST'S CALLING.

“When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.” (John 15:8, NLT)

“A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can’t produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can’t produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.” (Matthew 7:17–20, NLT)

ACTION STEP: CLASS 301 TUESDAY, 7/16 5:30PM

5. OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST’S COMMANDS.

“When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” (John 15:10, NLT)

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.” (Matthew 7:21, NLT)

ACTION STEP: 90 DAY TITHE CHALLENGE

6. LOVE TO CHRIST’S COMMUNITY.

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me...This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends...This is my command: Love each other.” (John 15:9–10, 12–13, 17 NLT)

“If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart...We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.” (1 John 3:14–16, NLT)

ACTION STEP: SMALL GROUP

LAST THOUGHT:
IF YOUR SPIRITUALITY WERE ILLUSTRATED IN A FOOTBALL GAME, WHAT WOULD YOUR ROLE BE?