



REAL MOMENTUM

*A Man & His Enemies*  
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## **Vision –**

a movement of men transforming families and churches to the ends of the earth

We try to come alongside pastors and churches take a missional approach in discipling the men in their church and city.

“Discipleship is one man caring enough about another man to help him build a relationship with God, his family, and the church, while building a worldview that’s biblical, and a lifestyle that brings glory to almighty God.”

## **MAN CHURCH**

Men need the church and the church needs men.

A spiritual reformation of a society begins with a spiritual reformation of men.

When you make men a priority, they will respond.

**1 Peter 5:1-4**, The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **2** Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; **3** nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; **4** and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

## **1. SOCIETY IS AN ENEMY**

**James 3:15**, **This wisdom does not descend from above... but is earthy**

**James 4:4-5**,

Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**Enmity –** hostility, hatred to God

**Colossians 2:8**,

**Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.** <sup>9</sup>For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup>and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

**We must realize that we live in a culture that does not recognize God's right to rule,**

Does not accept Scripture as the pattern for life,

AND is experiencing the consequences of abandoning God's design for men and women, families and churches.

**Today, we're living in a radically changed, rapidly changing social landscape.**

- Over the last 50+ years have been socially breathtaking:

...**In 1960, only 5% of boys in America were fatherless; today it's 41%.**

- Paul Taylor, *The Next America*, Pew Foundation, Public Affairs, 2014, p.114

...**Roles** for men and women have increasingly merged.

...**The definition of marriage** was changed for the first time in over 4,000 years.

...**Some 44% of millennials** now consider marriage "obsolete".

[Pew Research \(March 9, 2011\) For Millennials, Parenthood Trumps Marriage](#)

...**Cohabitation has exploded.** For the first time in American history, there are more unmarried adults than married.

[Pew Research \(June 27, 2011\) Prevalence and Growth of Cohabitation](#)

...**A majority of children (61%) born to mothers under 30**, are born outside marriage.

[For Women Under 30, Most Births Occur Outside of Marriage – NY Times \(Feb. 17, 2012\)](#)

...**There are now multiple** gender categories, not just male and female.

...**Sexual standards** have dramatically changed.

...**Single women buy their own homes** today at twice the rate of single men.

[Make It \(May 11, 2018\) CNBC](#)

...**Depression rates have increased** tenfold among men since 1960.

...**Women shoulder most of the responsibility** for the health and vitality of the Christian faith in the United States [Barna.com](#), "**What Women Think of Faith, Leadership, and Their Role in the Church,**" part 1 of 4, **Research Releases in Culture and Media, August 13, 2012**

## 2. SIN IS AN ENEMY

**James 3:15, This wisdom does not descend from above... but is sensual**

**Feeding the flesh...**

**Genesis 4:6-7,**

So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup>If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is [lure](#) for you, but you should rule over it."

You will understand how serious sin is when you have a right view of God.

Your view of God determines everything about everything else.

Root sins must be distinguished from fruit sins in our lives and both must be repented of...

Root sins are the sins that are

Under the surface

Hidden, hard to detect  
They are breeder sins because ALL sin grows on them

Fruit sins are sins that are obvious and on the surface of our lives and are they are ugly. They are the sins that embarrass us, as men, as families... and as churches.

But listen, no root sin can thrive in a life that is pursuing an ever-clearer view of God.

## 1. The Root Sin of Selfishness...

**1 Peter 5:5a,**  
**Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another...**

**Bottom Line** – a man submits to an authority beyond himself.

**James 4:2,** You lust and do not have

- Selfishness whispers that we cannot be happy unless we get what we want
- We think God is like us
- If my view of God is low, my view of self will be high. And with a high view of self, I will think it is my right to say what is acceptable and unacceptable conduct.

This is dangerous... I will be the one to define so. I'll be the one to justify certain acts and say, "oh, that's alright under these circumstances. God understands."

- Selfishness always salutes satan.

**James 3:16,**  
For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

## 2. The Root Sin of Pride...

**1 Peter 5:5b-6,**  
**...and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud but give grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.**

**God resists** – rejects, opposes, comes against

- Pride edges God out.
- A proud man feels that he has the right to take on duties that the Lord forbids.

- **Newman Hall**, "Pride is the parent of numerous sins. High notions of what we deserve from God, or from men, our families, and even the church, produce impatience, discontent, envy, anger and, strife."

### 3. The Root Sin of Unbelief...

**1 Peter 5:7,**  
**casting all your care upon Him for He cares for you.**

Do you believe this? Do you believe that He cares for you!

**Tozer**, What a man thinks about God is the most important thing about him.

**Matthew 13:58,**  
Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

**Hebrews 11:6,**  
But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Romans 10:17,**  
faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God!

When God speaks, there is a crisis of belief and what you do next reveals what you believe about God... not what you believe about the circumstances or situation, or people or challenges.

**Hebrews 3:12-19,**  
Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup> but [exhort](#) one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup> For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, <sup>15</sup> while it is said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,  
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

<sup>16</sup> For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was *it* not all who came out of Egypt, *led* by Moses? <sup>17</sup> Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was *it* not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

- Unbelief says that the things which God has told us about Himself and our obedience to Him are doubtful.
- Unbelief questions whether sin is poisonous and whether holy living produces happiness.
- Unbelief, motivated by our pride, that our ideas about... God, us, life, eternity, the family, the church, marriage, etc... are more trustworthy than the God who has spoken clearly on such matters.

**How long are you willing to watch the same sins return in your life, your home, and your church before you deal with the roots?**

**By the way... roots are hard to dig up!**

If we are going to be victorious over the enemies of unbelief, selfishness, and pride... we must begin with God.

And our view of God will determine our view of everything else.

The soil where these root sins rest is in our passivity...

### **3. SATAN IS AN ENEMY**

**James 3:15, This wisdom does not descend from above... but is demonic**

**C.S. Lewis**, There is no neutral ground in the universe: every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counterclaimed by satan.

**The devil is out to get men of God.**

If you are a man of God... whether you are a husband, a father, a grandfather, a preacher, a deacon, a minister of music, a Sunday school teacher, a staff member, or just a committed layman...

you are in a mortal conflict with the powers of darkness that want to have you.

**The enemy watches your game films.**

He knows your habits, your weaknesses, and your tendencies. He desires to separate you from the work of God in your life.

**1 Peter 5:8-11,**

**Be sober, be vigilant;** because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. <sup>9</sup> **Resist him, steadfast in the faith,** knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. <sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. <sup>11</sup> To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**sober** – self-controlled...

**vigilant** – watchful...

**devour** - [drink you down, to gulp entirely, swallow up]:

*It is a picture of a snake gulping entirely, swallowing up its prey. It does not happen quickly. A snake cannot swallow up its prey within a few minutes... it takes time. The same is true with the serpent, the devil, his success does not happen quickly. He gains a foothold as one part of our lives gives opportunity, then he establishes another foothold, then another, then another until he completely devours us.*

**resist him** – oppose, be hostile toward, stand your ground

### **Ephesians 4:27... give no place to the devil**

- **His pursuit will never stop.**
- **He will do everything he can anytime he can to take you down and take you out.**
- **He wants to separate you (every man) from God... your wife, and your children.**

**steadfast in the faith** – solid

### **1 Corinthians 16:13-14,**

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Reject Passivity

Expect God to Move

Accept Responsibility

Lead Courageously

**Be strong – it comes from a source that not of you...**

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