

Listen to God

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“You need to MANUP.”

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Q: What does it mean to be a MAN?

Genesis 1 (ESV)

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

God Created Man.

- To be fruitful and multiply.
- To rule, reign, and have dominion.
- To work hard and enjoy the fruits of his labor.
- To love his wife, have children, and enjoy his family.

God created man to be fruitful, multiply, rule, and reign but we’ve SETTLED for less!

Q: What happened?

Adam Sinned.

Sin = telling God NO!

Genesis 2 (NLT)

¹⁵ The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to work it and to watch over it (keep it). ¹⁶ But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree of the garden - ¹⁷ except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. *If you eat it's fruit, you are sure to die.*"

God gave them ONE rule to establish himself as the RULER.

Genesis 3 (NLT)

⁶ She took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, *who was with her*, and he ate it too. ⁷ At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.

Adam's first sin was his SILENCE!

Genesis 3 (NLT)

¹⁷ God said to the man, "Since you *listened to your wife* and ate from the tree that I commanded you not to eat . . ."

Who are you listening to:

- Culture, movies, or music?
- Friends, co-workers, or neighbors?
- Your wife, girlfriend, or your Dad?
- The voice of fear, shame, doubt, regret?

Q: What voices need to be removed from your life?

Q: What voices need to be added to your life?

Step #1 to becoming a Man of God:
LISTEN to God and DO what He says.

MANUP is a 12-step guide to becoming a Man of God.

Using the scriptures as our guide, we'll discover what God has to say about the most important arenas in the life of a man:

- 3 weeks - your relationship with God.
- 3 weeks - your relationship with Yourself.
- 6 weeks - your relationship with Others.

- Fighting Temptation
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Marriage and Sex
- Family and Parenting
- Time and Money
- Career
- Friendships
- Church
- Resolving your Past
- Choosing your Future

The BIBLE is the #1 way to HEAR God's voice.

2 Timothy 3 (NCV)

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right.

¹⁷ Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable (perfect), having all that is needed to do every good work.

Q: Are you willing to consider what God has to say about these areas of life?

Q: Are you ready to change if God shows you a better way?

Questions.

Q: What keeps us from fulfilling our
God-given assignment as men?

Q: Where are you tempted to ignore God's voice?

___ Marriage

___ Family

___ Job

___ Time

___ Money

___ Purity

___ Other...

Q: What voices need to be removed from your life?

Q: What voices need to be added to your life?

Q: What's your plan for hearing
God's voice on a regular basis?

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Prayer: God, I'm all ears. Speak to me during this series and give me the faith and the courage to do what you tell me. I know it won't be easy, but I'm praying that your strength will empower me like never before. I'm ready to listen. Amen.