

HANDOUT FATHERS DAY 2023 I WANT TO BE THAT MAN: Text: 1 Tim 4:7-8g

Each of us has to decide daily, and hourly basis – Will I do what I know is right, or not? And the answer to that question is huge, because it clarifies who we are. ***The Problem Is This...While it's fairly Easy to have Godly Character While We're Around Others who are Godly, it's NOT Always so Easy to be Godly When We're Around Those who Aren't, or When We're By Ourselves in Our Private Moments.***

The Bible tells us to “Train Yourself To Be Godly.” 1 Timothy 4:7-8 *“Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives’ tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come”.*

The word “Godly” describes a Manner of Life, Born of Faith and Lived in such a way that God is Honored and Others are Confronted with His Truth as they See Us Striving for Piety. ***“Godly” Doesn’t Mean that We Are Perfect... It Means that We Are Struggling For Perfection...That We are Doing Our Best to Live Lives that Are Pleasing to God, Lives that Honor Him, and Convict Others to Seek to Live Godly!***

So, How Do We Do It? How Do We Train Ourselves To Be Godly? How do we develop the type of godly character that stays true to God, even when we're away from church or by ourselves and Satan is tempting us to compromise our faith and do things or say things we know are wrong?

We Make a Spiritual Commitment! Psalm 119:106, ***“I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws.”***

- Without that Commitment, they Fall when Temptation Arises, and they come back to Church Wondering what's Wrong with them and Why they Give in to Sin so Easily.

James 4:7, “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil -- Now, That's KEY! -- Resist the Devil, and He Will Flee From You.” We've got to make a commitment! We've got to submit to God and say, “God, I Want to Live My Life in a Way that Honors You!”

Like Joseph, Satan is Relentless in Getting Us to Not Stay True to Our Faith...To Do the Ungodly Thing When No One is Around!

HERE ARE WHAT I BELIEVE ARE THE 5 CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY MAN:

NUMBER ONE—STEP UP:

- Lead. Initiate. Be a Man of Action. Assume it is Your Job and Your Moment. Hate Apathy. Reject Passivity.

When David heard of The Amonites Plan for War, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men 2 Sam 10:12, *“Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight.”*

NUMBER TWO—SPEAK OUT:

- Silence in the Midst of Sin is a Sin. Be Courageous. Fear God, Not man. Speak the Truth in Love.

Proverbs 31:8-9 *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. 9 Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.*

Proverbs 27:5-6 *Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

NUMBER THREE—**STAND STRONG:**

- Don't give in when you are challenged, attacked, or criticized.

1 Cor. 15:58: *Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, Stand Firm. Let Nothing Move You. Always Give Yourselves Fully to the Work of the Lord, because you Know that your Labor in the Lord is Not in Vain.*

NUMBER FOUR—**STAY HUMBLE:**

- Be Vigilant Against Pride. Get the log out of your eye. *Don't Think Less of Yourself; Think of Yourself Less.*

1 Peter 5:5-7 *In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

NUMBER FIVE—**SERVE THE KING:**

- Matthew 6:33 *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given you as well.*
- Seek first His Kingdom, His glory, and His righteousness. Hope in the eternal. Live for a greater reward.

MEN IF YOU WANT TO BE THAT MAN PLEASE STAND AS I PRAY FOR YOU TO STEP UP...SPEAK OUT...STAND STRONG...STAY HUMBLE AND SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

PRAYER:

Father, How majestic is Your Name in All the Earth. Your Glory is set above the heavens. May Your glorious Name be praised; May it be Exalted above all blessings and praise!
No one can measure Your greatness. You Shower Compassion Upon All Your Creation.

Heavenly Father, we Thank You for Each of these Men Standing Before You Today.
We Ask That You Will Cause them to Love Their Wives As Christ Loves the Church.

May Each Man Serve Their Families by Teaching them To Stand Firmly Upon Your Word as they Commit themselves and their Families to Build Your Kingdom!

Father, May You Empower Each One of these Men to Walk In Your Power and Authority as they Seek to Glorify Your Name Through Their Words and With their Actions.

And Father as You Look into Each Man's Heart May You Keep Each One Pure and Provide Restoration and Healing Where it is Needed. And Lord, May Your favor Surround Each Man like a Shield.

We again this Morning, Commit Our Lives to Your Service as We Lead Our Families. And We Thank you For Your Grace, Mercy and Love...**In Jesus Name We Pray. AMEN!**