



MEN ON THE FRONTLINE....Leading Change

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Restoring Christian Community

Texts: Ephesians 4:1-6; Ephesians 3:18-21

Ephesians 4:1-6

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 3:18-21

¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Male-Man: The Foundation of Christian Community

Text: Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:7

⁷ the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

I. The Male's Priority

- a. The male is the _____ of the human family and female was taken from his side. (Gen. 2:21-23)

Genesis 2:21-23

²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had

taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

- b.** The foundation must be in _____ to _____ buildings and **people**.
(Matthew 7:24-27; 1 Corinthians 3:11)

Matthew 7:24-27

²⁴ *“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

1 Corinthians 3:11

¹¹ *For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,*

- c.** When men have _____ in the substructure of their lives, the whole building of Christian Community is on _____ ground. (James 1:8)

James 1:8

⁸ *he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.*

- d.** A _____ Christian Community cannot be built on shaky ground because it might shift at any time.
- e.** A foundation is _____ by how much weight can be placed on it.
(Ephesians 6:10)

Ephesians 6:10

¹⁰ *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.*

- f. The foundation is _____ but the rest of the Christian community is important, also.
- g. The foundation is meant to be solid, _____, but not necessarily seen.
- h. The foundation needs to be strong to give our _____ an opportunity to get out of the mud and quick sand. (*Romans 15:1-6*)

Romans 15:1-6

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. ² Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." ⁴ For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- i. Regardless of the past men it is time for you to leave a _____ for those coming behind you. (*Proverbs 13:22*)

Proverbs 13:22

²² A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Challenges for 1st Point:

Will you commit to _____ God's manual for manhood from this day forward?

Will you _____ to fix the cracks that exist in your life?

Will you leave an _____ for your children's children?

Women, will you _____ all men to take their place to Restore a Strong Christian Community?

II. The Male's _____ (*Genesis 2:8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.*)

a. A Place of _____ on Earth

1. Eden comes from a Hebrew word meaning delicate, delight, or pleasure.
2. The Garden was like an incubator.
3. God was in man all along. (*Eph. 1:4*
⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love)

b. A Place of God's Continual _____

1. God never intended for Adam to move from the Garden he intended for the Garden to move over the earth. (*Isaiah 11:9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*)
2. A man _____ God is a creature without conscience. (*Romans 1:28-32*
²⁸ Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; ³¹ they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.)
3. We must _____ to walk in the Spirit. (*Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*)

4. We must _____ our own ideas. (*Jer. 17:9*
The heart is deceitful above all things and
beyond cure. Who can understand it?)

c. A Place of _____

1. Learn to _____ on a smaller scale first. (Genesis 1:28)
2. Be _____ over few, then God makes you ruler over many.
(Matthew 25:14-23)
3. God always gives us just _____ to train us for the future.
4. Don't try to get _____ much too soon. (Luke 15:11-32)
5. God placed the man in Eden to _____ him.

III. The Male's _____ (Genesis 2:15-16)

a. _____ and _____. (Prophet)

1. The male is to be _____ for everything under his jurisdiction.
2. Men are _____ for what goes on in the family. (Genesis 3:12)
3. You cannot _____ anyone for what happens. Where are you?
4. The male is not elected the head of the family.

b. _____ (Preacher/Teacher)

1. He gave the command to Adam, which means it was the man's responsibility to teach and guide her in the Word of God.
2. God intended men to be primarily responsible for teaching His ways. (Genesis 3:1-3)
3. The male must give the _____ godly instruction. (Ephesians 5:26, 28, 25)

c. _____ (Prepares)

1. The male's job is to cultivate. (Gen 2:15)
2. Cultivate means to make something grow and produce a greater yield.
3. Cultivate also means to make something fruitful, to develop it into its perfection.

4. The purpose of the man is to develop and cultivate both people and things to God's glory.

d. _____

1. God gave men the assignment to _____. (Gen 2:2-3)
2. God works. (Phil 2:13)
3. Work exposes your _____.
4. 'Provide' comes from a meaning to _____ ahead.

e. _____

1. The male must _____ and protect the Garden and everything in it.
2. God never told the woman to protect anything.
3. The man is _____ physically and mentally to protect.

f. _____ (**Genesis 2:19-20**)

1. God had man to name the animals because whatever you name you own.
2. We _____ to God. (**Acts 17:28**)
3. Whatever you name you must _____ _____ of in every way not just with money.