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2019 **Finish Well**. You may think you are at the end; however, **you are only at the beginning...**

190606 Remembering the sacrifices and bravery of the soldiers who fought in D-Day, June 6, 1944.

What Men Want (pg. 24-25):

1. A Cause
2. A Companion
3. A Conviction

The Big Idea: Your “naked before God” identity is founded on faith in Jesus, the roles he gives you, and attributes that reflect Christian character and conduct.

- What is your “obituary” identity—the visible things others remember about you when you’re gone? _____
- What would your wife, children & friends say? _____
- How about your faith, calling, heart & conduct? _____

True Identity—is founded on faith in Jesus, the roles he gives you, and attributes that reflect Christian character and conduct.

Roles (pg. 32-33) - The most **visible roles** for most Christian men are **husband, father, friend, worker, citizen, church- man, servant, steward, witness, and disciple maker**. The roles that are **precious** to me are **son of God, disciple of Jesus, friend, servant, temple, vessel, and charge of the Holy Spirit**.

What are the **roles** that are **most important to you**, and **why**?

Attributes (pg. 34) – The **character & conduct** of “who I am and what my life is all about”. God has told us which attributes to prize most & promised to give us those attributes freely through his Spirit out of the overflow of abiding in Christ. See **Galatians 5:22–23 & Luke 18:9–14**. Discuss your best attributes and the ones you need to work on.

Best _____

Work on _____

Attributes: Write down the attributes you want to people to think of when they think of you.

Coaching Guide available for **free download** in pdf format at: www.TMCCoachingGuide.com

Form 3 person groups and have everyone **choose who’s coaching you & who are you coaching:**

- Who’s **coaching** (mentoring, discipling) **you**? _____
- Who are **you coaching** (mentoring, discipling)? _____

Identity Exercise - Coaching Goals:

1. What **questions** do you have **about identity**? _____
2. To **understand** your **identity** as a Christian man. _____
3. To **interact** with your **coach** about identity. _____
4. To **discuss, understand & write down** your most important **roles and attributes**.

5. To make a **declaration of your intent to pursue Christian manhood**.

My Declaration of Christian Manhood

Heavenly Father, I am tired of weak, unsatisfying faith. I am weary of leading a divided life. I want to be so fully “in Christ” that others want to catch what I have. As a “new creation,” I long to know your love for me as a son, disciple, friend, servant, temple, vessel, and charge of the Holy Spirit. I want to experience and infectiously exhibit all the fruit of your Spirit, with all humility.

So here today, I take my stand. I repent of all my worldly and sinful ways and put my faith in Christ alone. I hereby declare that from this day forward, I will stop seeking the God, or gods, I have wanted and will start seeking the God who is. I pledge to lead a Bible-saturated life of devotion and study of God.

My desire is to renew my mind, to be a man after God’s own heart, to live out of the overflow of a vibrant relationship with Jesus, and to fully follow Jesus Christ with my whole heart each and every day. I will make it my business to live in right relationship with God and in right relationship with all people, and to exercise my gifts to fulfill your calling on my life.

My true identity is “in Christ.” I commit to live openly for the glory of God in all my ways. I openly confess that I can do none of this apart from your grace, Father, through Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I pledge my allegiance this day to a life of Christ-centered manhood. If they cut me, I want to bleed Jesus. Amen.

_____ (sign and date)