

Become the Person God Wants You to Be!

How can we be *real for God*? For example how can we as DAD'S so *live FOR Christ* in order that our families: children and grandchildren will want to live for Christ? What are the ingredients toward **being** *what God desires in order we may become the person God wants us to be*?

Every place I have used the word "MAN" in my notes it could mean the wife as well or a single Christian adult or youth. So these things can be applied to every Christian who desires "to be used" for God's glory.

BECOME A PERSON OF CONFIDENCE

Not in other people, or yourself, but in the Word of God, in God Himself. (Look up the following verses, meditate on them for your own person growth and maturity. Psa. 138:2; II Pet. 1:20-21; I Thess. 2:13; Matt. 4:4; I Jh. 5:1-4; II Thess. 1:11-12; Joshua 1:6-9; II Tim. 2:1-22)

BECOME A MAN or PERSON OF ACTION

Use the Bible to cleanse your mind of unscriptural ideas, philosophies, etc. Saturate your heart with the Word of God and sever any relationship with others that will adversely effect your life. Don't buddy with those who reject the truth of the Word of God. Don't become their companion. (Psa. 1:1-6; I Cor. 15:33; II Tim. 2:22) We must cleanse our lives of unnecessary distractions which keep us from reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Scriptures.

Does TV control your life? Do you have sport interests, hobbies, etc. that control your life? Have you replaced what is wrong, empty, vain or sinful with what is right and pleasing to God? Have you put good influences in your home? -- good books, missionary stories, etc.? (Check on what your children read and listen to.)

Stand up for the Lord on the job. (I Pet. 3:13-16; 4:12-19) Are you living for the Lord on the job? Are you witnessing where you can, sharing the Word and manifesting a changed life in Christ? Are you required to be dishonest or deceptive or to compromise your convictions where you work? Has God ever convicted you about changing jobs? Are the demands of your job destroying your family by forcing you to sacrifice time with God and with your family?

BECOME A PERSON OF DISCERNMENT! (I Cor. 2:9-14; II Cor. 10:3-5)

The devil is against the Bible! He will try to destroy the effectiveness of the Word of God in your life. You must have victory over him.

Every person must have a plan to memorize the Word of God. Motivate yourself to memorize for only by the knowledge of the Word of God will you have the discernment you desperately need to lead your family. SO --

- A. Have a specific goal.
- B. Be accountable to someone.
- C. Motivate yourself to have a reachable plan, and do it.

D. Attach a consequence when it is not done!!

Remember discernment comes only through the Word of God!

BE A PERSON OF CONVICTION!

The basic conviction is that all Scripture is the inspired Word of God, and the final **authority** for your LIFE. (II Tim. 3:15-17) This conviction means certain things:

>> the Bible is God's message to man -- not man's message about God. (II Pet. 2:20-21)

>> Every writer wrote without error as he was led by the Holy Spirit! (Psa. 12:6; Matt. 5:18; II Pet. 1:19-21; Heb. 4:12; Jh 5:29)

>> God was not limited to the writer's knowledge. (I Pet. 1:10, 12)

>> The Holy spirit teaches ME to understand the interpretation of God's Word and its application in day to day living. (II Pet. 1:20; Jh 16:12, 13; Matt. 7:28-29; Jh 14:26; Heb. 4:12)

>> My ability to understand the Bible is not determined by my intellectual skills, but by my relationship to the Holy Spirit. (Rom. 1:21; II Thess. 2:11-12; I Cor. 2:9-12)

>> The Bible MUST BE my only authority in all the decisions of life. (Psa. 37:4-5; Psa. 1)

>> The Words of the Bible are life-giving expressions of God's wisdom and character. (II Tim. 3:16; Col. 3:15-16; II Pet. 1:4)

>> The Word of God can and should be used to conquer the power of Satan in my life. (Matt. 4:4-7; I Pet. 5:7-8; James 4:7)

V. BE A PERSON OF UNDERSTANDING. . .

A. You need to recognizing that. . .

Prov. 4:23; 23:7; Matt 12:33-35)

1. An independent spirit is the basis of DISLOYALTY.
2. A condemning spirit is the basis of SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.
3. An ungrateful spirit is the basis of DISSATISFACTION (discontentment).
4. A lazy spirit is the basis of DISHONESTY.
5. A bitter spirit is the basis of UNFORGIVENESS.
6. A demanding spirit is the basis of SELFISHNESS.
7. An impure spirit is the basis of SELF-INDULGENCE.

B. You also must recognizing you need...

1. A reverent spirit.
2. The practice of a thankful spirit. Eph. 5:20; I Thess. 5:18
3. The practice of a humble spirit and heart. James 4:6-10; I Pet. 5:5
4. The practice of a servant's heart. Matt. 20:28
5. The practice of a loyal spirit. I Cor. 15:58

VI. BE A MAN THAT SEEKS TO GUARD HIS CHILDREN!

... from sin, moral impurity, etc.

1. Consecrate your child (children) to God.
2. Teach your child to be alert to your spirit and to God's Spirit.
3. Develop in his or her life the "fear of God."
4. Give the child a *sense* of destiny, or worth, of what they mean to the Lord.
5. Guide the child to "total" surrender to the Lord.
6. Bring them to the assurance of personal salvation.
7. Train the child to stand alone.
8. Teach the child to discern character.
9. Saturate the child's heart and life with the Word of God.
10. Show him or her the consequences of sin.
11. Teach them to witness and to edify others. Support him or her with your own fervent prayers.

As you study the points above spend special time in prayer for your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren as the case might be. God will honor you as you endeavor to be a person whom the Holy Spirit can use to bring a godly impact on your loved ones.

Put this study with the one just prior to this to form a unit. I trust this will be an aid to your own spiritual growth and development. Lord bless you richly as you consecrate your life to the Lord.