

LEADERSHIP TASK #1:

LEAD YOURSELF!

Leadership's first responsibility is to lead oneself. If you are unable to lead yourself, how would someone want to follow you? You demonstrate your leadership to others by first leading your personal life in a strong and responsible way.

Self-Leadership IS THE FIRST STEP. SELF-LEADERSHIP IS DEMONSTRATED IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES.

If we lack self-discipline, it will be hard for us to help others develop theirs. People will often watch our lives to see if they would like to follow our example more often than they will listen to our advice. Our lives should demonstrate what we would seek to teach others.

As John Maxwell says,

"Leaders know the way, go the WAY, AND THEN SHOW THE WAY."

Alexander the Great was a Greek emperor (he lived from 356 BC to 323 BC) who led his armies to conquer the ancient world from Greece to India. His rule was great and covered massive parts of the globe. But sadly, he only lived to age 32, largely because of his excessive consumption of alcohol.

How could a man rule the world but not himself? Sadly, if we fail to rule our own habits, desires, and decisions, we can find ourselves destroyed and with nothing to show for our lives.

Jesus said it best when he said,

"WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN, IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSES HIS SOUL?"



DEELECT: What do you think



Think of your life as if it were contained within the four sides of this box. Each side of the box represents one important aspect of your life:

MENTAL. PHYSICAL. SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL

In order to grow into a welldeveloped leader, you must constantly push the boundaries of each of these four sides. As you gain and grow strong habits in each of those four areas, you become a solid leader.

Best-selling author and leadership expert John C. Maxwell said that "Growth is the great separator between those who succeed and those who do not. When I see a person beginning to separate themselves from the pack, it's almost always due to personal growth."

Personal growth is one essential thing that sets ordinary people apart as leaders. If you're doing the same things on the same level now as you did one year ago, you

are definitely not growing.

Just as maturity does not come with age, growth does not just happen automatically with time.

True personal growth is not driven by your mentor, your pastor, or your parents. It's driven by YOU. If you're not the one pushing to grow, from the inside, it won't last. It has to be fueled by your own desire to do better, to be better, and to live better, every single

Growth is not accidental, and it's not automatic, either. It is something you have to pursue in a very deliberate way, by setting goals, strengthening good habits and expanding knowledge.

COMMUNICATE LIKE A LEADER!

ONE THING you need to grow, to improve how you communicate, is your vocabulary. Every time you see this symbol , stop and look up the key word. Write a short definition in the space provided, then write a sentence using word.

Finally, make it a point to use it a couple of times in conversation until your comfortable with it. We also recommend adding the DICTIONARY APP to your smartphone, which will send you an alert- for the "Word of the Day" every day.

If you're truly striving for excellence, you need to set a goal of learning a new word every day to grow your vocabulary. It's not about using "fancy" words to impress people. The purpose--and the reward--are the same: you gain what is called "a good command of the English language," with the ability to express yourself clearly and strongly to make your point in a powerful way.

It's important to grasp the idea that growth should never be one-sided. If you are focusing too much on one "side" of your life, and not the others, your life will begin to show an imbalance -- your life will become less than OPTIMAL.



that had cut wood for many years and become a veteran in swinging an axe for a living. He had cut down trees in the forest for many years and learned every lesson that 40 years of wisdom about forest, trees and how to effectively cut them down.

One day, a young strong lumberjack joined the team and could swing harder, faster, and more aggressively than any other lumberjack in the forest. His huge frame and bulging muscles testified to the fact that he was incredibly strong and quick.

One day as the men were meeting to start their day of work the younger lumberjack was feeling pretty great about his strength and wanting to show others his abilities, he decided that he would challenge the older lumberjack to a log-cutting contest. He reasoned, "this old man cannot keep up with my strength and stamina, he's old and wearv."

The young man stood up and in front of everyone, challenged the older man to the contest. The old man looked around and nodded in agreement. He said he would agree with one exception, "If I cut more wood than you at the end of the day, you'll have to provide

There was once an old lumberjack me with lunch for the rest of the

The young man laughed and quickly agreed thinking, "there's no way this old man will be able to outswing me." So he quickly shouted out, "Agreed! Grab your axe and lets get chopping!"

Both men began at the same time. The young man swung hard and deep into the first tree and great chunks of wood began to fly in the air. He swang 4 to 5 times as many swings as the old man and within one hour he had cut down 20 trees to the older man's ten. The older man's swing was slower and more deliberate. He kept the same pace throughout the day and never slowed his pace.

At the end of the day, the young man was covered with sweat and wood chips. He was exhausted but proud of the 75 trees he had cut down. He knew that he had swung harder and faster than anyone in the forest had ever

Tired but confident, he walked over to where the old man had been cutting trees. He heard to foreman counting......78, 79, 80

"How could that be possible? The young man thought to himself as he stood in unbelief. "I know that

I cut twice as many the first hour and didn't slow down my swinging much the whole 8 hours!"

The old man just smiled and said, "I've learned much in my many years in the forest. One thing learned is that a sharp axe cuts much more wood than a dull axe. You see, when you began chopping, your axe was sharp and you cut 20 trees with no problem. But the next hour, even though you chopped as hard and fast, your duller axe cut less and less each hour. I stopped and sharpened my axe every so often and I was able to cut as many the last hours as I did at the first - with less effort. "

Tired and now realizing the wisdom he observed, the younger man reached out his hand to congratulate the older wiser man on his win.

What personal goal will you set around this spiritual area that will help you to grow?

1. KNOW THE WAY 2. GO THE WAY 3. SHOW THE WAY

Good leaders KNOW the way. GO the way and SHOW the way. (John Maxwell)

"LEAD ME BY YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD WHO SAVES ME. ALL DAY LONG I PUT MY HOPE IN YOU." (PSALM 25:5)

KNOW. Knowing the way can only come from studying God's word until it is practically burned into your heart, REPELling all your old sinful thoughts, words and actions. It's through a deep knowledge of the Bible that you get to know who God really is.

"THE LAW OF THE LORD IS PERFECT. REFRESHING THE SOUL. THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE TRUSTWORTHY, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE. (PSALM 19:7)

GO. As God's word becomes so familiar to you, his ways also become clearly more right than your own ways. You begin to see the results in your life of following God closely and shaping your life to match his will.

"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD. RENEW A LOYAL SPIRIT WITHIN ME. RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION, AND MAKE ME WILLING TO OBEY YOU. THEN I WILL TEACH YOUR WAYS TO REBELS, AND THEY WILL RETURN TO YOU.." (PSALM 51:10, 12-13)

SHOW. It's only then, that you are able to show God's ways to others --when your life is walking, talking proof that your relationship with God is genuine. People will be drawn to that unique quality that your life begins to take on, and that will make you a truly effective leader.

What does this word mean?

REPEL

EDEEPER STUDY * Look it up, explain it in your own words, and use it in a sentence What do you think the verse above here: means? Of course, by "clean hands," it's not talking about soap and water--it's talking about spiritually clean hands. A life that is clean from guilt. A heart that is pure. Psalm 24:3-5

> "WHO MAY ASCEND INTO THE HILL OF THE LORD? OR WHO MAY STAND IN HIS HOLY PLACE? HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART, WHO HAS NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL TO AN IDOL, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY. HE SHALL RECEIVE BLESSING FROM THE LORD, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THE GOD OF HIS SALVATION."

Considering this, how is it having
"clean hands" puts you in a better
position to grow stronger and stronger?

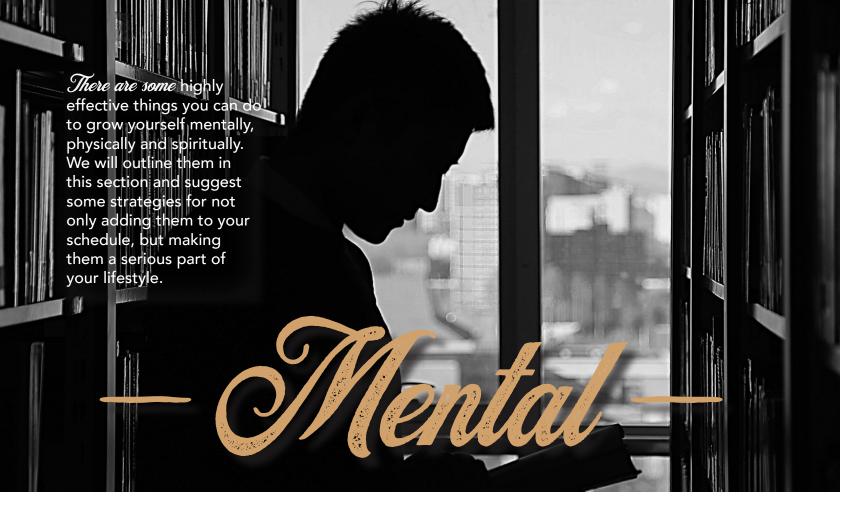
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Here is something major to add to your spiritual toolbox. Memorize the four scriptures on this page. They are excellent key verses to use when you pray. This method is called "Praying the Word" and it is a powerful tool to bring you closer to God.

DID IT! I MEMORIZED:

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[]	PSALM	19:7
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A strong leader is a strong reader. When you read the thoughts of great men, you actually borrow their minds for a moment and put yourself into their heads to see how they think. As you do this more often, you will develop a quick mind with versatile thoughts and brilliance greater than others the same age. Some of the greatest men of all times were men that read often. When you read, you stretch your mind and your mind, once stretched, will never return to its original size; it will continue to grow.

When you read books, you have new thoughts and ideas to discuss with others and help them become wiser.

Make time to read daily, aside from school assignments or devotional time with your Bible. You will find that if you make a habit of having some quiet daily reading time, you will begin to look forward to it as a retreat from the demands and distractions of the rest of your day.

5 WAYS TO GET MORE BOOKS--CHEAP OR FREE!

1. The Library. Your school library is a rich resource for fresh reading material, and so is your local public library. Many offer free downloads of e-books you can read on your phone, tablet or Kindle.

2. iBooks. Of course, if you have an iTunes account or Google Play account for your Android phone, you can purchase a number of books to read digitally. You'll find that almost all the classics and historical documents can be added to your account for FREE because they are considered "public domain." That means they are so old, they are no longer protected by copyright.

3. **Colline.** There are a number of other such free downloads or online reading resources you

should check out:

Read.gov - All public domain books (all the classics), as well as historical documents, are available through this resource maintained by The Library of Congress.

OpenLibrary.org and **ProjectGutenburg.org** are two other resources for free downloadable books.

4. **E** bay is an unlimited resource for buying used books in good condition at half price, or less!

5. Half Price Books (or an individually owned used book store, if your town has one) can supply you with everything from classics to textbooks, and they usually have new Bibles and journals, too, that have been discontinued and donated by local book stores.

However you get them, there is no doubt that books are always a sound investment of time and money.

"READING DOES, IN FACT, MAKE US MORE INTELLIGENT.

Research shows that reading not only helps with fluid intelligence, but with reading comprehension and EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE as well. You make smarter decisions about yourself and those around you."

"READING CREATES NEW WHITE MATTER

IN THE BRAIN, according to a 2009 study of 72 children ages eight to ten. White matter carries information between regions of grey matter, where any information is processed. Not only does reading increase white matter, it helps information be processed more efficiently. "1

**10 BOOKS RECOMMENDED BY THE MEN OF HONOR:

- MAXIMIZED MANHOOD DR. EDWIN LOUIS COLE
- 🔛 I DARE YOU WILLIAM DANFORTH
- PASSING THE TORCH TONY W. RORIE
- THE RICHEST MAN IN BABYLON GEORGE S. CLASON
- **7 MEN AND THE SECRET TO THEIR GREATNESS**-ALEX METAXES
- MANSFIELD'S BOOK OF MANLY MEN STEPHEN MANSFIELD
- WILD AT HEART JOHN ELDRIDGE
- HOPE OUOTIENT RAY JOHNSTON
- HONOR'S REWARD JOHN BEVERE
- THE POWER OF POTENTIAL DR. EDWIN LOUIS COLE

GOOD IDEAS, RIGHT? You probably have some good intentions right now about what to do. But good intentions will get you nowhere. COMMIT your ideas and plans to paper, right here, so that you will be honor-bound to pursue them. BUT FIRST...define this term and use it in a sentence.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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REGULAR EXERCISE will make you both physically and mentally fit. A person that exercises often keeps their body and mind fit. When you feel strong, ideas come more easily and you become more productive.

A strong body will sustain you during times of crisis and hard work making you more successful and able to keep going when an unfit person might falter.

Regular exercise, sleep and healthy diet will help you to become a stronger, more productive leader. It will also help you to win the respect of others.

Think about the personal goals you will set in this area that will help you to reach your goals.

12 FITNESS TIPS FROM THE PROS

1. OFT GOALS & BE ACCOUNTABLE. Choose an accountability partner and set a calendar alarm on your phone to remind you to work out. you should write down your goals. "Place your fitness objectives in a place you can see them -- on a bulletin board or your computer desktop -- to constantly remind yourself to work toward them." (Entrepeneur.com)

2. DE CONSISTENT. Come up with a plan that requires a consistent effort. "The idea of goal-setting is to challenge yourself each time you set out to work toward your larger goal. Setting up smaller, intermediate check points will help you track your progress and keep you motivated to work out on a regular basis. Remember: slow and steady wins the race." (Entrepeneur.com)

3. SE MENTORED. Even if you're not a beginner, you can benefit a great deal by asking someone more experienced for some tips and guidance with your workout routine. "Mentors can be invaluable in our both personal and professional growth. Having had the opportunity to interview some of the most successful professionals in our industry, most of them would credit mentorship as one of the critical keys to their success." (Fit-Pro.com)

4. TRACK YOUR PROGRESS Whether you use a notebook or an app (and there are tons of apps for this), make sure you regularly keep track of what you've done each day. How many reps? How long on the treadmill? What was your speed? You should even take notes on your fatigue level, so you can later look back and see where you are making progress in your stamina.

5. TOCUS ON YOUR CORE. Before each exercise, brace your core. "Your core is much more than a six-pack of muscles hiding beneath your gut -- it's a system of muscles that wraps around your entire torso, stabilizing your body, protecting your spine from injury and keeping you upright. Fire these muscles before every exercise to keep your back healthy, steady your balance and maintain a rigid body position." (Livestrong.org)

6. WATCH YOUR POSTURE. You should stand up straight and tall all the time, but it's important to your results and maybe even your safety to watch your posture when you're working out. "Tucking your shoulder blades down and back with each exercise not only improves results, it helps protect you from injury." (Livestrong.org)

7. MICREASE YOUR RANGE OF MOTION.

"Range of motion is the distance the main motion of the exercise travels to complete the rep. Squat deeper, lift higher, reach farther. This is an easy way to help you get more out of your workout." (Livestrong.org)

8. MX YOUR GRIP TO GET MORE REPS. "If your hands and forearms give out before your back or legs when doing deadlifts, chin ups, inverted rows or bent-over barbell rows, mix your grip." Reverse your grip

with one hand or both. Switch hands for the next set, and keep going until you've made it. (Livestrong.org)

9. Do PUSH-UPS. Don't be afraid to go "old school." This is one of the most effective exercises, if it is done correctly. "Maintain a rigid body line from the top of your head to your heels throughout the push. With this in mind, you won't sag your hips, hump your back, or bubble up your butt. Keep your elbows tucked in towards your sides as you lower your body, and push back up, strong as steel from head to heels." (Livestrong.org)

10. TAT HEALTHY. "Ask almost any personal trainer and they'll tell you that regardless of your training goals, healthy eating is the backbone. Food is what fuels your body to reach your goals, and without proper nutrition through quality foods, you're likely to stall." Men's Journal recommends a balanced diet consisting of fruits, vegetables, COMPLEX CARBOHYDRATES, complete proteins and healthy fats like fish oils and flax seeds.

11. KNOW THE BASICS OF BUILDING MUSCLE..

"First, increase your caloric and complete protein intake, so your body has enough building blocks to get bigger. Then, when you enter the gym, focus on your form. Perform compound movements and train with weights on average around four times a week." (Men's Journa) Rest is an important part of muscle recovery, too. Always give your body time to recover from workouts.

12. THORATE AND RE-HYDRATE. According to the American Heart Association, hydration is critical. "Thirst isn't the best indicator that you need to drink. FITNESS AND SPORTS SAYS If you get thirsty, you're already dehydrated" If you're well hydrated, the heart works more efficiently. They recommend water, above any other alternative, although sports drink mixes that are low in sugar can be used to supplement your hydration. When you're done, they recommend eating a healthy snack like orange slices, bananas or a small handful of unsalted nuts.

What are **COMPLEX** CARBOHYDRATES?

examples:

Look it up and explain. Give

Why SHOULD YOU TRACK YOUR **WORKOUTS?**

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- +MAKES IT MORE LIKELY TO REACH AND SURPASS YOUR GOAL.
- +ALLOWS YOU TO BE MORE EFFICIENT IN YOUR TIME AND WORKOUTS.
- +LENDS ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOURSELF AND YOUR GOALS.
- **+ALLOWS FOR EASIER MODIFICATIONS** AND SHOWS WHEN AND WHERE CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.
- +IT CAN BE MOTIVATING AND REINFORCING TO REMIND YOU WHY YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU ARE.
- +HELPS TO DRIVE THE FOCUS AND DIRECTION OF YOUR PROGRAMMING.
- +KEEPS YOU COMMITTED TO YOUR PLAN.



"THIS IS WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD."

According to a number of sources, this expression was first used in the 1950's, at the beginning of the age of advertising. The journalist was saying that this is where it gets serious--this is where the theories get tested.

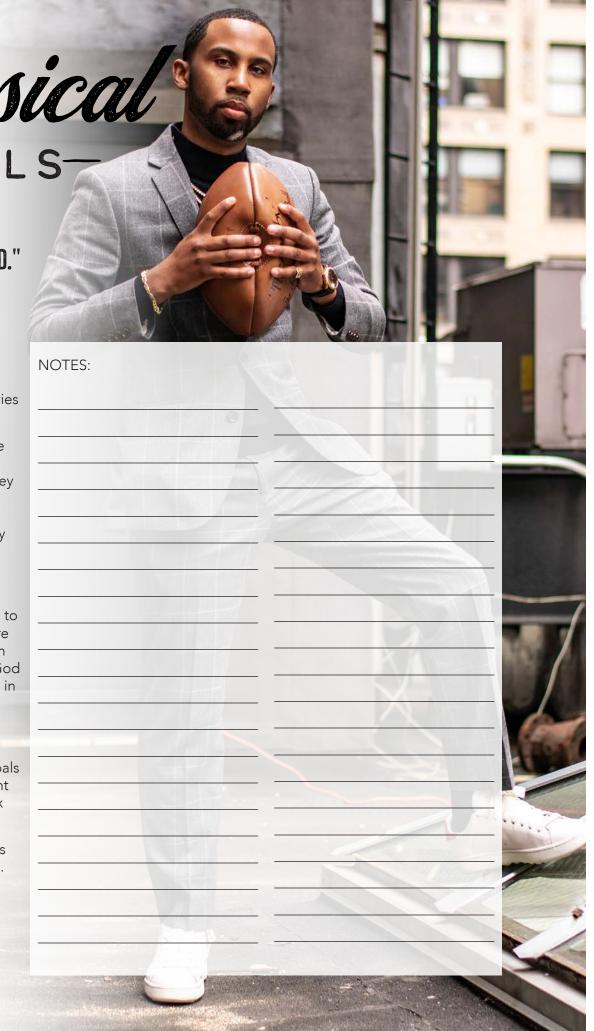
In other words, this is where we see if the hype proves true -- if someone really means what they say. It was a reference to tires on a car, questioning if it was really going to perform the way everyone says it will.

Setting fitness goals is a good way to test where the rubber meets the road in your journey to physical strength, too. If you are to have the strength and health to be ready to do everything God calls you to do, you have to be in the best possible health.

So, ask around. Do some research. Then come up with a fitness plan. Next, set some goals for yourself. Where do you want to be in 2 weeks? A month? Six months?

Sketch it out here, then use this space to update your progress.

Hint: Use a pencil for this, until you've got it all figured out.



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As a MAN OF HONOR, it is critically important that you learn to put yourself out into the social world. It is there that you will influence others and be influenced by them.

Our natural tendency is to be awkward and afraid to put ourselves out into the public, but me we must overcome the desire to be solitary and withdrawn.

THE GREATEST LEADERS OF ALL TIMES ARE THOSE WHO MADE **THEMSELVES**

As a Man of Honor, how you present yourself to others will determine how well liked you become. If you are always sad, down, depressed or upset, no one will want to be around you. You must instead infect everyone you come in contact with joy, enthusiasm, and a smile. Then they will love to be around you, and will have many opportunities to be a godly influence on their lives.

It is also critically important that you surround yourself with the right type of people, as they will have a powerful influence in your life, as well.

"A 2014 study published in the Journal of Consumer Research found that friends often bond by providing one another with moral support to resist a temptation. However, friends also commonly conspire together to enjoy INDULGENCES. Researchers

discovered that when it came to resisting temptations, sometimes friends were more likely to become partners in crime as they decided to indulge together."

(Huffington Post article published 4/14/215 by Amy Morin)

On the other hand, the right friends can enrich and even lengthen your life, according to a 2005 study conducted by an Australian University. People with good close friends lived 22% longer.

Also, a another study, published in Psychological Science, reported that strong-willed friends can increase your self control, since we AVAILABLE TO OTHERS. turn to them for support.

So, think about the Proverb quoted
above. How can good friends
challenge and sharpen each other?

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PROVERBS 27:17 TELLS US, "AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO A FRIEND SHARPENS A FRIEND."

YOU SHOULD SURROUND YOURSELF WITH FRIENDS WHO WILL SHARPEN YOU -- CONSTANTLY CHALLENGING YOU TO BE A BETTER MAN.

You should be aware that there are two levels of friendship. You should have your outer circle-casual acquaintances-- and your inner circle--a smaller circle of friends you know very well and can trust completely.

Describe some things you should consider in choosing your inner circle of friends.



"THE BETTER YOU ARE AT SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE OF HIGH POTENTIAL, THE GREATER YOUR CHANCE FOR SUCCESS." John Maxwell



THE VAGABONDS: FORD, EDISON, HARDING & FIRESTONE

One of my mentors once told me, "You are changed most by two things in life – the books you read, and the friends you keep. Our friends and our futures are inextricably linked. More than we realize, we are shaped and formed by the company we keep.

What do Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, and Harding have in common? Besides the fact that they were industrial pioneers, entrepreneurs, multi-millionaires and billionaires? They were friends who regularly spent time with one another thinking, dreaming, debating, and discussing ideas.

In his book, Think and Grow Rich, Napoleon Hill introduces the concept of the Mastermind Alliance or Group. The concept states that when great minds come together and think and dream, their collective thoughts take on an exponential power beyond their individual thoughts. The big idea is that when we associate with people who are intelligent and moving forward, we encourage each other to go farther and do more than we would otherwise.

The company we keep also shapes our manhood. I encourage you to spend time with men of substance. Men who will push you to fulfill your purpose. Men who will make you raise your expectations and break through your limitations. Men who will connect you with knowledge and resources that will build you up and grow you into a Man of Honor.

WALK WITH THE WISE AND BECOME WISE; ASSOCIATE WITH FOOLS AND GET IN TROUBLE. (PROVERBS 13:20)

Someone once challenged the way I think about my associations by telling me that,

OF YOUR FIVE CLOSEST FRIENDS.		
IF YOU HANG AROUND FIVE CONFIDENT PEOPLE,		
YOU WILL BE THE SIXTH.		
IF YOU HANG AROUND FIVE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE,		
YOU WILL BE THE SIXTH.		
IF YOU HANG AROUND FIVE MILLIONAIRES,		
YOU WILL BE THE SIXTH.		
IF YOU HANG AROUND FIVE IDIOTS,		
YOU WILL BE THE SIXTH."		
What personal goal will you set around this social area that will help you to reach your life goals?	Identify two or three friends for your inner circle, and explain why you think these relationships will be beneficial to you, long term. Be specific about their values, abilities, knowledge or personality traits.	"Jou can make MORE FRIENDS IN TWO MONTHS BY BECOMING
Read the whole story of the Vagabonds and their travels at https://www.history.com/news/ford-and-edisons-excellent-camping-adventures. What are some specific ways you think these men influenced not only each other, but the history of the world, through their close friendship?		INTERESTED IN OTHER PEOPLE THAN YOU CAN IN TWO YEARS BY TRYING TO GET OTHER PEOPLE INTERESTED IN YOU." - Dale Carnegie

"YOU ARE THE SUM TOTAL



"IF YOU BOARD the WRONG TRAIN, IT IS NO USE RUNNING ALONG THE CORRIDOR IN THE other DIRECTION."

-- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, GERMAN PASTOR, THEOLOGIAN AND ANTI-NAZI DISSIDENT

In a world where facts aren't always facts, and opinions change on a daily basis, many have fallen into the trap of building their lives on the idea of "Relative Truth." Whatever works best for them at the moment, or feels right to one person versus another, becomes what is right, instead of the core values that have been **ESTABLISHED** and taught by the Bible.

Many people argue that the ideas in the Bible are no longer **RELEVANT** to the modern world.

Neither of these ideas is true.

If we base our values on human ideas, picking and choosing what we like, and throwing away what we don't like, we are no longer followers of Christ, but, instead, crafters of our own religion.

If we choose to follow Christ, we must take the word of God in its complete form, without chipping away at it to suit our own personal opinions.

Times have changed, yes, but God never changes. His word never changes. His commandments have not changed, and his message is the same, forever. In the Old Testament, God's worshipers were commanded:

"OBSERVE AND OBEY ALL THESE WORDS WHICH I COMMAND YOU, THAT IT MAY GO WELL WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AFTER YOU FOREVER, WHEN YOU DO WHAT IS GOOD AND RIGHT IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD." (DEUTERONOMY 12:28 NKJV)

In the New Testament, Jesus himself made it clear that his sacrifice did not do away with God's laws.

"DO NOT THINK THAT I HAVE COME
TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR
THE PROPHETS; I HAVE NOT
COME TO ABOLISH THEM
BUT TO FULFILL THEM."
(MATTHEW 5:17)

With the advantage of God's mercy and forgiveness, we are still expected to follow them, as we follow Christ, with all our hearts.

"SINCE YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH [I]THROUGH THE SPIRIT IN SINCERE LOVE OF THE BRETHREN, LOVE ONE ANOTHER FERVENTLY WITH A PURE HEART, HAVING BEEN BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE SEED BUT INCORRUPTIBLE, THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD WHICH LIVES AND ABIDES FOREVER, BECAUSE 'ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS

WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, BUT
THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.' NOW
THIS IS THE WORD WHICH BY THE GOSPEL WAS
PREACHED TO YOU."
(1 PETER 1:22-25 NKJV)



CHALLENGE:	RELEVANT	∞ ABOLISH
Look up the following words, write he definitions in your own terms, and then use them in a sentence:		
FINALLY, use them all in conversation TODAY!		
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GOD: Supreme King of the Universe. Creator	GOD: Does not exist. Man is supreme king.	"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him." (Hebrews 11:6) "Only fools say in their hearts,'There is no God.'" (Psalm 14:1)
MAN: Originally created in God's image. Fallen, sinful, and in need of a Savior.	MAN: Basically good. Infinitely capable of ruling life.	"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23) "There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death." (Proverbs 14:12) "The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?" (Jeremiah 17:9)
GOOD & EVIL: God's word and commands are the standard of right and wrong.	GOOD & EVIL: Subjective, based on what I believe. What is wrong for you might not be wrong for me.	"But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

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JESUS: God in flesh. Savior of the world. Only way to heaven. Died on a cross and rose again, lives eternally as savior, advocate, and final judge.	JESUS: A good man or a prophet that lived and died. Some teachings mildly helpful, others ridiculous.	"For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body." (Colossians 2:9) "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have God's Son does not have life." (1 John 5:12) "And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life. Anyone who doesn't obey the Son will never experience eternal life but remains under God's angry judgment." (John 3:36)
BIBLE: God's living, breathing, infallible word. Instruction to man for living. Pattern for all wise and good. Love letter from God.	BIBLE: Ancient and mythical storybook written by men. Backward, ignorant, and outdated.	"16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." (2 Timothy 3:16, NLT)
LIFE: Sacred and given by God. Begins at conception. Exists eternally after death in Heaven or Hell.	LIFE: Random chance, begins at birth. Only valuable as it produces value. Consciousness ends at death. No after-life.	"I will praise You, for [a]I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well." (Psalm 139:14)



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DEATH: Appointed by God to every person to end their time on Earth and the be- ginning of their eternal life.	DEATH: The end of all things, including consciousness.	"And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)	
		"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons." (Matthew 25:41)	
MAN'S PURPOSE: To know God and to have a relation- ship with God. To join God in his dominion of the Earth and fulfillment of the Great Commission.	MAN'S PURPOSE: To survive, thrive, experience pleasure, and be productive.	It hath been told thee, O man, what is good, And what the LORD doth require of thee: Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. (Micah 6:8)	
Commission.		"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)	
SIN: The fallen nature of all men, the rebellion of man- kind. Breaking God's laws and ways.	SIN: No such thing.	"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)	
EVIL: The enemy of God, the devil and his nature. Rebellion against God and his commands.	EVIL: Subjective. Based on each person's preference. What is evil to you might not be evil to me. No judge.	"There is a way which seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12)	
HEAVEN: Location of God's throne and angels abode. Place of eternal reward for all who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior.	HEAVEN: Fictitious and imaginary place.	"And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God and made ready like a bride attired to meet her husband." (Revelations 21:2)	
		"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)	

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HELL: Place of eternal burning and suffering created for the devil and his angels and reserved also for those who reject Christ.	HELL: Fictitious and imaginary place.	"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (Matthew 25:41)
MARRIAGE: Instituted by God as good, sacred, and Holy. Image of God's relationship to mankind. Between one man and one woman only. To populate the earth. A permanent and loyal covenant to last a lifetime.	MARRIAGE: Can be between man and woman, man and man, woman and woman, man and animals. Can be ended anytime and has no real binding contract.	"and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'" (Matthew 19:5)
SEX: Made for a married man and woman only as a celebration of their love and covenant marriage. To populate the Earth with Godly children.	SEX: A way of acting out lust (physical desires) and can be with anyone or anything. For the benefit of self.	"Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery." (Hebrews 13:4)
HOMOSEXUALITY/ BISEXUALITY/PAN- SEXUALITY: A sexual choice that is a perversion to the natural order and an abomination to God. Those who practice this will not go to heaven unless they repent and ask for forgiveness.	HOMOSEXUALITY/ BISEXUALITY/PAN-SEXUALITY: A natural state that some people are born into. To be accepted and embraced by all.	"Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10)
ABORTION: Murder, the stopping of a heartbeat and an ending of an innocent life in it's mother's womb.	ABORTION: The right of any person to decide. Nothing more than removing a blob of tissue. Purely subjective and based on situation.	"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:5)

CSUS - THE TRUE LEADER

ATTRIBUTES OF A TRUE CHRISTLIKE LEADER:

COMPASSION

EPHESIANS 4:32 "BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE TO ONE ANOTHER. FORGIVING EACH OTHER, JUST AS IN CHRIST **GOD FORGAVE YOU.."**

LOYALTY: KEEPING GOD FIRST

MATTHEW 16:24-25 "THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "WHOEVER WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. FOR WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.

KNOWING & EXEMPLIFYING GOD'S WORD

JOHN 14:15 "IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

1 TIMOTHY 4:2 "PREACH THE WORD: BE PREPARED IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON; CORRECT, REBUKE AND ENCOURAGE-WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND CAREFUL INSTRUCTION."

HONESTY & SINCERITY

PROVERBS 11:1-3 "THE LORD DETESTS DISHONEST SCALES, BUT ACCURATE WEIGHTS FIND FAVOR WITH HIM. WHEN PRIDE COMES, THEN COMES DISGRACE, BUT WITH HUMILITY COMES WISDOM. THE INTEGRITY OF THE UPRIGHT GUIDES THEM, BUT THE UNFAITHFUL ARE DESTROYED BY THEIR "DUPLICITY.

PLACING OTHERS BEFORE SELF

ROMANS 12:10 "BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE. HONOR ONE ANOTHER ABOVE YOURSELVES."

PERSEVERANCE & HONOR

2 CORINTHIANS 6:3-8 "WE PUT NO STUMBLING BLOCK IN ANYONE'S PATH, SO THAT OUR MINISTRY WILL NOT BE DISCREDITED. RATHER, AS SERVANTS OF GOD WE COMMEND OURSELVES IN EVERY WAY: IN GREAT ENDURANCE; IN TROUBLES, HARDSHIPS AND DISTRESSES...IN HARD WORK. SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND HUNGER; IN PURITY, UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE AND KINDNESS; IN THE HOLY SPIRIT AND IN SINCERE LOVE: IN TRUTHFUL SPEECH AND IN THE POWER OF GOD: WITH WEAPONS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE RIGHT HAND AND IN THE LEFT ... "

LOVE FIRST

MARK 12:28-31 "ONE OF THE TEACHERS OF THE LAW CAME AND HEARD THEM DEBATING. NOTICING THAT JESUS HAD GIVEN THEM A GOOD ANSWER, HE ASKED HIM, "OF ALL THE COMMANDMENTS, WHICH IS THE MOST **IMPORTANT?**"

"THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE," ANSWERED JESUS, "IS THIS: 'HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE.

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND

AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

THE SECOND IS THIS: LOVE YOUR

NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." THERE IS NO COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE."

must carefully study the words and life of Christ so that you can be a strong example of him. His character, his leadership style, his valuesall of these should be reflected in every aspect of your life.	and write its meaning. Then use it in a sentence. Finally, explain WHY you must never allow duplicity to make its way into your actions, words or character.	Describe your devotional and study strategy. When and how will you study God's word?
Take charge of your spiritual growth by committing to a specific time every day for Bible study and personal devotion time. Journal about what you read and really, deeply study it. This is the kind of spiritual strength that divides the boys from the men.		
"TO BECOME CHRIST- LIKE IS THE ONLY THING IN THE WHOLE WORLD WORTH CARING FOR, THE		What other study resources have you found to help you better understand the Bible? (Your lead or pastor can help you with this)
THING BEFORE WHICH EVERY AMBITION OF MAN IS FOLLY AND ALL LOWER ACHIEVEMENT VAIN." - Henry Drummond, SCOTTISH EVANGELIST, BIOLOGIST, WRITER		What kinds of changes do you expect to see in yourself in six months, if you stick to your spiritual growth strategy?
AMBITION. Noun. An earnest desire for some type of achievement or distinction, as power, honor, fame or wealth and the willingness to strive for its attainment.		
FOLLY. Noun. The state or quality of being foolish; lack of understanding or sense.		

"WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEN, IS NOT AN ACT, BUT A HABIT."

-- Tristotle. Ancient Philosopher