

BECOMING A FAITHFUL MAN

Why must we train faithful men?

Matthew 28:19-20 _____

What four marks of a faithful man does Jesus give?

John 8:31-32 _____

John 13:34-35 _____

John 15:8 _____

Luke 14:27 _____

Give a brief definition of a faithful man, based on the above Scriptures:

How is someone trained?

What are the three key words in Matthew 28:19-20 that indicate the process of training faithful men?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What does 2 Timothy 2:2 indicate is involved in the process of training faithful men?

1. What was Timothy to teach? _____
2. Who was Timothy to teach? _____

Define a "faithful man" _____

3. What were these men to do in turn? _____

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL EVALUATION

This is designed to assist you in evaluating your spiritual progress in several key relationships. By using the letters below, you will see areas of strengths and weaknesses.

Levels of Progress

B = Beginning

C = Continuing

D = Developing

E = Experiencing

F = Fulfilling

1. My relationship to God

Faith

- B ☐ I have assurance of my salvation.
- C ☐ I am able to experience God's love and forgiveness.
- D ☐ I am able to place my trust in God and His promises.
- E ☐ I am able to trust the sovereignty of God in all areas of my life.
- F ☐ I am consistently able, by faith, to identify with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6).

God's Word

- B ☐ I read the Word occasionally.
- C ☐ I read the Word regularly.
- D ☐ I study the Word to develop from it convictions and reasons for what I believe and do in everyday life.
- E ☐ I memorize, meditate, and feed myself from the Word as part of my regular Bible study.
- F ☐ My mind and attitudes are controlled by applying truths of the Word to every area and event of my life.

Prayer

- B ☐ I pray only when facing problems.
- C ☐ I have a daily prayer time.
- D ☐ I pray specifically and trust God for the answers.
- E ☐ My prayers consist of adorations, confessions, thanksgivings, and supplications.
- F ☐ I have a prolonged period of prayer each day and maintain a continuous attitude of prayer during the day.

2. My relationship to my wife

- B ☐ I have assurance that my wife is a Christian.
- C ☐ The lines of communication are fully open between us.
- D ☐ My wife has established a time of daily Bible reading and prayer.

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- E ☐ I know that my wife understands her spiritual gift, and I encourage and support her in using it to minister to others.
- F ☐ My wife and I enjoy spiritual oneness and regularly read the Word and pray together.

3. My relationship to my children *

- B ☐ I have assurance that each child is a Christian.
- C ☐ The lines of communication are fully open between us.
- D ☐ I have helped each child to establish a time of daily Bible reading and prayer.
- E ☐ I have clearly defined goals for each child and have communicated these to them.
- F ☐ I have led each child to make a commitment to God's best for every area of life.

* Use this to evaluate each of your children.

4. My relationship to other believers

- B ☐ I attend church regularly.
- C ☐ I am involved with a small group of believers for Bible study and prayer.
- D ☐ I am able to share my spiritual successes and failures with other believers, bearing their burdens and allowing them to bear mine.
- E ☐ I know my spiritual gift and am using it to minister to other believers.
- F ☐ I have trained another faithful man who has multiplied himself by training another faithful man.

5. My relationship to nonbelievers

- B ☐ Those with whom I work know that I am a Christian
- C ☐ When I have the opportunity, I publicly identify with Christ.
- D ☐ I am able to clearly share my testimony with others.
- E ☐ I know how to lead someone to Christ and how to follow them up.
- F ☐ Sharing the Gospel has become a way of life with me.

Summarizing Your Evaluation:

SETTING PERSONAL GOALS

It is important to be continually progressing in every area of our lives. We need to set new goals. Based on your "Spiritual Evaluation," find the next highest level from the one you marked in each relationship and make that your next goal.

Write it out in the appropriate space below, and then list some specific steps of action you will begin to take, in dependence upon the Holy Spirit, to reach that goal.

1. My relationship to God

My goal in building my faith is: _____

My specific steps of action will be

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

My goal in God's Word is: _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

My goal in prayer is: _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

2. My relationship to my wife

My goal is _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

3. My relationship to my children

My goal is _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

4. My relationship to other believers

My goal is _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. My relationship to nonbelievers

My goal is _____

My specific steps of action will be:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."(John 15:5)

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."(Philippians 4:13)

CURRICULUM GUIDE

(Curriculum taken from IBLP materials)

Name _____ Date _____

Man being trained

Address _____

Telephone _____

Topics	Memory verse	Date presented	Date discussed	Date applied
1. How to Be Sure You Are a Christian	I John 5:12-13			
2. How to Regain Your First Love	Mark 12:30			
3. How to Resolve Basic Conflicts	Heb. 12:15-16			
4. How to Have Purpose in Life	John 10:10			
5. How to Conquer Impure Thoughts	Rom. 12:1-2			
6. How to Experience Victory	Rom. 12:1-2			
7. How to Meditate in the Scriptures	Psalms 1:3			
8. How to Deal with Discouragement	Psalms 42:11			
9. How to Respond to Adversity	Isaiah 40:31			
10. How to Get the Greatest Benefits from Problems	I Peter 5:10			
11. How to Tame Your Tongue	James 3:2			
12. How to Be an Effective Spiritual Leader	I Tim. 3:4-5			
13. How to Develop Oneness of Spirit in Marriage	Rom. 15:5-6			
14. How to Motivate Your Wife to Be a Godly Woman	I Peter 3:7			
15. How to Help Your Children Overcome Temptation	Prov. 14:26			
16. How to Discover Practical Insights	II Tim. 2:15			
17. How to Have Financial Freedom	Prov. 3:9-10			
18. How to Use a Life Notebook	Hebrews 2:1			

*MAKE A COPY OF THIS AND GIVE OUT
DURING THE FOURTH MEETING*

MY COMMITMENT

Desirous of becoming a faithful man and a teacher of faithful men, I commit myself to the following:

1. To God—

To be His man at all times and in all circumstances.

2. To Growth—

- a. By completing assignments.
- b. By meeting weekly with another individual for accountability.
- c. By memorizing Scripture.

3. To a Growing Group of Faithful Men-

- a. By praying for other faithful men.
- b. By ministering to other faithful men.
- c. By training at least one other faithful man.

Signed _____

Date _____

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It is important for you to fill out the following evaluation **before** you make a commitment to work with this man.

PRE-TRAINING EVALUATION

Trainer _____ Phone _____

Address _____

- ☐ 1. Did he contact you for each of your meetings during the past month?
- ☐ 2. Did he arrive at your meetings on time?
- ☐ 3. Did he diligently and enthusiastically complete the assignments you gave him?
 - ☐ a. "Tyranny of the Urgent"
 - ☐ b. "Becoming a Faithful Man"
 - ☐ c. "Spiritual Evaluation"
 - ☐ d. "Setting Personal Goals"
 - ☐ e. "My Commitment"
- ☐ 4. Do you sense a good rapport and ease in communication with him?
- ☐ 5 Does he demonstrate a teachable spirit?
- ☐ 6 Do you believe that he will take this training seriously and make it a high priority in his schedule?
- ☐ 7. Do you believe that he fully understands the "My Commitment" card, and has he signed it?
- ☐ 8. Do you have peace that this is the man that God would have you spend quality time with for the next several months, and are you ready to commit yourself to the Lord to be used by Him to help train this man?

HELPFUL INSIGHTS

A Planning Sheet For Training Faithful Men

Based upon your personal observation of this man's life, his spiritual evaluation, and his personal goal sheet, complete the following in order to gain a clearer picture of his current spiritual needs and to determine specific ways to encourage and strengthen him.

1. Strong points in which to encourage further development:

2. Weak points that are hindering his spiritual growth and ministry that need to be strengthened:

3. Definite steps of action to take to encourage and strengthen him

TRAINER'S REPORT

Date _____

Trainer _____ Phone _____

Faithful Man _____

Number on Curriculum Guide? _____

When do you meet? _____

Where do you meet? _____

Current needs of faithful man _____

Have you met socially with him this month? _____

Is he faithful in church attendance _____

The following questions to be answered only on first report unless there is a change.

Has he been baptized? _____

Is he a church member? _____

What Bible study does he attend? _____

Is his mate being trained? _____

By whom? _____

Other comments _____