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WEEK ONE Read Chapter One THE CRY FOR A KINGDOM MAN

"When a kingdom man steps out his door each day, heaven, earth, and hell take notice." "A kingdom man zeros in on one purpose and one purpose only advancing the kingdom for the betterment of those within it, which glorifies the King."

* Read Ezekiel 22:30. What was God looking for?

Read Mark 1:15. What is the "kingdom of God"?

"The kingdom of God is the authoritative execution of His comprehensive rule in all creation." What does that mean to you in your own words?

Read **Genesis 2:15-25**. Record the name of God that is used in these verses exactly as it appears in the text.

Yahweh means "Master and absolute Ruler." What does that mean to you?

¹ Read **Genesis 3:1**. When Satan referred to God, what name did he use? How did that usage reveal Satan's plans and purposes?

What is religion without the ruler relationship of Yahweh? How do believers and churches undermine God's rule? What's the solution?

Read Exodus 34:23. What did God specifically call on the men to do?

Who or what is a "kingdom man"? Which way will you go? When God searches for a man to advance His kingdom, does He call your name?



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WEEK TWO Read Chapter Two THE CONCEPT OF A KINGDOM MAN

"Roughly 70 percent of all prisoners come from fatherless homes. Approximately 80 percent of all rapists come from fatherless homes. Fatherless homes produce 71 percent of all high school dropouts and 63 percent of all teen suicides. But a man doesn't have to physically leave to create a void in the home."

How might a father be physically present and yet still create a void in his home?

Somewhere along the line, we have forgotten to check with the Book by which we are to rule. If we are not defining manhood by the complete Word of God—the Book—we are staring at a definition with missing letters and missing words. Any discussion on the role, purpose, and leadership of a man must begin with Adam.

TRead 1 Timothy 2:12-14; 3:1; 1 Corinthians 11:3

What is the biblical concept of dominion?

How have men misunderstood their role to rule and to lead as kingdom men?

"The biblical concept of dominion, or rule, is neither a dictatorship nor a posture of domination, but rather it entails exercising legitimate authority under the lordship of Jesus Christ. Legitimate authority entails all that God provides for and permits a man to do, but not all that a man wishes to do."

Who or what is a kingdom man? (p. 27) What is the kingdom man responsible for? (pp. 27-28)

What affected man's responsibility?

What role did Satan play (and continues to play) to affect our responsibility?

"Spiritual warfare was there at Adam's inception, as well as at our own." "How has man been impacted by 'Adam' willingly relinquishing his God-given right to lead?"

How does the church and pornography play into this? (pp. 30-31)

What then is "legitimate power"? (p. 31)

What does it mean when we say "I've got it?" How do we provide a "covering" over our loved ones? (pp. 32-33)

What does it mean to be "aligned" under God? Read **1 Corinthians 10:31**.

Where are you in your walk with God? Are you allowing yourself to remain "silent" and living "vicariously" through others? Does pornography have a hold on you? Who's "got it" in your life, home, and church? What can you do right now to be "aligned" to God?



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WEEK THREE Read Chapter Three A MAN'S CALL TO GREATNESS

"While women fantasize about relationships, men fantasize about greatness. While women fantasize about cuddling, men fantasize about conquering. As men, we want to do something. We crave significance, influence, and impact."

Not only does God want you to be great in His kingdom, but He has also destined you for it. (p. 38)

• What is greatness?

1 Thessalonians 4:1

1 Corinthians 15:58

1 Corinthians 10:31

What is the enemy's strategy with regards to a Kingdom man's greatness? (p. 39)

What is meekness and who exemplified it? (p. 39) Read Numbers 12:3.

What is the crucial principle and who exemplified it? (p. 40)

God made Abraham and David "great men," but how do we know He wants to make us great? Read **John 14:12**.

How have we allowed the enemy to rob us of our greatness? (p. 42)

How are we to go about becoming great? (p. 43) Read **Matthew 20:25-26**. What is true greatness? Read Matthew 20:28.

What does true greatness look like? (p. 44)

How does greatness begin?

What is keeping you from becoming great? What are you willing to do right now to pursue greatness?



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WEEK FOUR Read Chapter Four THE POWER OF ONE REAL MAN

Generation of Israel, and the entire nation of Israel, and he did it as a farmer."

LESSON NUMBER ONE

Stop Making Excuses (pp. 47-50)

Discover what you can do right now and do it. Stop making excuses.

What is something you can do right now? Why are you not doing it?

Why do we have so many ineffective Christian men? What can we do to change 'our' ineffectiveness as Christian men?

What do we need to start? What is God willing to do?

LESSON NUMBER TWO

Advance One Step at a Time (pp. 51-55)

How do you tackle big assignments or obstacles?

How have you allowed your pedigree to determine your purpose?

You have a destiny of greatness. Why?

What does it mean to you that you were "created for dominion"?

You are the one! Does the realm you cannot see dictate what goes on in the physical realm that you can see? How?

What choice do you make? What realm will you choose to live in?

Have you discovered "your purpose," "your significance," "your reason for being"?

"You are the one to make a difference in your destiny, your family, church, work, community, our nation, and around the world."

Are you ready to be "the one"?



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WEEK FIVE Read Chapter Five Aligning yourself for impact— BEING A MAN

"If we, as men, could ever fully comprehend all that God has not only intended for us but has also provided for us, we would not only improve our own lives, as well as our families', but we would also impact our churches, communities, and the entire world."

Review the false definitions of manhood and discuss how these falsehoods show up in your own life and in the lives of those under your influence and care. (p. 59)

Passive Man Domineering Man Sexual Man Corporate Man Irresponsible Man Hedonistic Man

What is the cause of living under the false definitions of manhood? (p. 60)

WHICH HOOD ARE YOU IN?

"Many men are out of alignment with God because they have gotten their definition of manhood from illegitimate, inadequate, or errant sources, including the media, male influences in their life, the home they grew up in, or even music."

What are the three categories of "hoods"? Discuss its implications. (p. 61)

Male-hood: sexual identity Boy-hood: immaturity coupled with dependency Man-hood: biblical manhood What could we learn from Tony Dungy's father? (p. 64)

What is the problem we face today that can be tied to what Adam began in the garden? (p. 65)

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

What is our responsibility as men? (p. 67)

STAND FAST

What can we learn from Superman? (p. 68)



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WEEK SIX Read Chapter Six THE REAL MEANING OF HEADSHIP

What is revealed at the bema is whether you were a Kingdom man on earth, properly aligned under Jesus Christ, or whether you were an earthly man. How well are you living right now in light of advancing God's cause in history? **Read 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12.**

The primary principle upon which your destiny forms as a Kingdom man, both now and in the future, involves the concept of headship—alignment. How is your alignment when it comes to authority, dominion, and courageous ruling? Who do you submit to? How does that show? **Read 1 Corinthians 11:1,3.**

GOD IS THE HEAD OF CHRIST

What is the idea of "headship"? (p. 71) What isn't "headship" about?

• Look up the following scriptures and explain how we are to emulate Christ:

Ephesians 5:25-33		
John 10:30		
Luke 22:42		
John 6:38		

THE MAN IS THE HEAD OF A WOMAN

First Corinthians 11:3 tells us that "the man is the head of a woman." What does that mean? What doesn't it mean? (p. 72) What must a man do to have this authority?

Women were created to receive and respond physiologically, emotionally, and spiritually. How is that working for you? What feedback are you getting? What is the hold-up? (pp. 73-74)

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN

A man covers a woman because Christ covers a man. Explain. (pp. 74-75)

What does it mean that God rules His world representatively? What compromises this?

Who is man accountable to? (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23) What is man accountable for? (p. 76)

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

Why do we need "the church"? (p. 77) What is the problem in marriages today? What is righteousness?

Explain the principle of representation (1 Corinthians 15:45). Why is this important?

Who are you accountable to in your church? What does your wife see in you? What kind of feedback are you getting from her?

What do you see as areas of growth?

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WEEK SEVEN Read Chapter Seven DOMINION'S ROAR

"To express your authority within your domain, you must roar. It is not an option. You must protect, provide, lead, and partner well in the areas of your influence. You must also declare your dominion by responsibly exercising your rule within it."

LOST AND FOUND

Why do men have difficulty locating, understanding, and fulfilling their right to rule? Why don't men reclaim what has been misplaced?

What happens when a man abdicates, or loses, his right to rule?

RECLAIMING MANHOOD

What is your "garden"?

Do you understand your authority as a Kingdom man?

GOD SAID

Whatever He spoke _____.

TRead Genesis 1:26. For what purpose was man created?

DELEGATES IN CHARGE

"Let them rule" set man's rulership, or management, in place over what God had created. Does this mean that God has given up His ownership of the earth? What directly affects your quality of life within your sphere and realm of influence?

What does David say about man's rule in **Psalm 8:3-6**?

How is Satan involved in limiting your influence? Who will you believe? God's Word or Satan?

TAKE UP YOUR AUTHORITY

What is God's plan for you? What have you uncovered regarding your passions, abilities, personality, and experiences?

Have you discovered your sphere of influence, your realm? What are you doing to defend it and to expand it?

When was the last time the world heard you roar?



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WEEK EIGHT Read Chapter Eight AUTHORIZED TO RULE

God said that you are to rule; He has given you all that you need to do it."

Second Corinthians 9:8: "God has the power to provide you with more than enough of every kind of grace. That way, you will have everything you need always and in everything to provide more than enough for every kind of good work" (CEB).

What are the only two conditions mentioned in regard to God's power? (p. 93)

What did it mean that God made Moses "as God to Pharaoh" in Exodus7:1-2? What does that mean for us?

Where must we be in order for us to rule with God's authority?

ACCEPT THE ROLE

Do we have to rule? What do we gain or lose in our choice? (Read John 14:15, 24.)

THE RIGHT ANGLE

What is "perspective"? Why is it so important? How did perspective help David?

AND YOUR DECISION

What happens when we don't have a "kingdom perspective"?

What happens when we choose our own way and use our own wisdom? Does it matter what you do?

Do we have free reign to do what we want, when we want? Why do we need boundaries?



WHAT'S THE WAIT?

* Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

What does it mean to wait for the Lord?

Taking action in faith first is important. Why? (p. 99-100)

GOD CREATED

Psalm 115:16: "The earth He has given to the sons of men." Why?

What does it mean that the image of God in man manifests itself in both an ontological and a functional reality?

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What happens when the ontological and the functional are out of whack?

A KINGDOM MAN RULES WITH HELP

What was the reason for God to say, "I will make him a helper suitable for him" (Genesis2:18)? What was God's main concern?

What do the words ezer and kenegdo mean? What does this have to do with Eve?

What makes a woman's emotions so important? What does the woman do for the man?

Failure to honor the woman as a fellow heir will do what? (Read 1 Peter 3:7.)

GOD-BLESSED

Why did God bless the man and the woman? When do we fail to be a blessing?



WEEK NINE Read Chapter Nine ACCESSING YOUR AUTHORITY

God's kingdom principles operating within society. In this specific principle of naming, God has written down a prescription that places a significant amount of influence and authority squarely in the hands of men. If and when you use this prescription according to the instructions that come with it, you have the ability to impact your realm in more ways than you may have even imagined."

NAMING

What was so important about a name in Old Testament times? What does a name denote or connote in Scripture?

What did the name Jesus reveal? What is necessary for a name to be legitimate?

CALLING FIRST

What was so important about Adam's calling? What is so important about the name woman?

What are we to understand regarding the order in which man and woman were created and named?

What happens when a man is not sure who he is, if he has not begun to fulfill his calling?

Who are you and what is your calling?

GET IT STRAIGHT

What have you discovered about your divinely given authority and responsibility? Have you taken hold of the piece of creation that God has given you to name?

Think about where you spend most of your day and who you encounter. Have you named that entire place for the good of others and for God's glory?

What is naming not supposed to be about? How do we know we can keep this straight?

Living as a kingdom man is largely about what?

What is success about?



WEEK TEN Read Chapter Ten TOUCHING HEAVEN, CHANGING EARTH

"Success means arriving at God's prescribed destination for you while having the capacity to experience, enjoy, and extend His goodness in your life."

What are you here for?

What problems occurred through Adam for all men?

What became of our world? What was the solution?

🛨 Read Colossians 2:8-10 _____

What happens when a believer does not have a comprehension of spiritual authority?

STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY

Satan is defeated. Why is he still fighting? What is his goal?

Who has the authority? Why is this important?(Matthew 28:18)

What type of authority have we been given? What must we do?

PRAYING WITH POWER

TRead John 14:13-14; 15:7; Psalm 37:4.

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What is so important about prayer? What is it all about?

POWER PLAY

What is needed to maximize prayer? -

Why did heaven respond to Elijah's prayer? (1 Kings 18:1; 41-42)

Does prayer "change" God's mind? What does it mean to travail? What does this mean for the Kingdom man?

How does our prayer become increased in its intensity and power? (Matthew 18:20)

WHAT VICTORY REQUIRES

What must a kingdom man learn? What must he do to win the war?



WEEK ELEVEN Read Chapter Eleven KEYS TO CLAIMING YOUR TERRITORY

"Like the electrical company that has entirely supplied the electricity needed to fully power every light in our buildings, God has fully supplied all that you need to exercise the authority He has given to you."

What does it mean that God has supplied us with "relative autonomy"?

What happens when man rules independently of God? What needs to happen for God's power to be "turned on"?

LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND

Joshua 1 gives up powerful principles for being a man of movement. What is the crucial principle for advancing God's Kingdom?

SEIZE YOUR SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE

What does **Joshua 1:2-4** and **Ephesians 1:3** tell us about our spiritual inheritance? Why is faith so important?

GOING TO GET IT

What does Paul mean when he tells us to "walk by faith" in **2 Corinthians 5:7**? What does Paul want us to understand about the "good fight of faith" in **1 Timothy 6:12**?

START MOVING YOUR FEET

What is always tied to a blessing? What then must we do to rule? How?

FOCUS ON GOD, NOT PEOPLE

What are we going to face when we "get up" and go?

What promise did Joshua have that we can count on in Joshua 1:5-7?

Why do people have such an effect on us? How should we then think about "people"?

STAY TIED TO GOD'S WORD

Joshua was a fighter and a strategist. Why wasn't that working for him? What were Joshua's instructions that we need to heed today in **Joshua 1:8-9** if we are to be successful?

What is the only guarantee of success? Why are God's ways unpredictable? (Isaiah 55:9-11)

How will you go about claiming "your territory"?



WEEK TWELVE

Read Chapter Twelve A KINGDOM MAN & HIS PERSONAL LIFE

"The path to a better world begins with you. And me. It begins with us. You become a better man by aligning yourself under the comprehensive rule of God over every area of your life—under God's kingdom agenda."

What are the four spheres of life of the kingdom man in **Psalm 128**?

IT STARTS WITH YOU

What can we learn from the example of Tony Evans' father?

THE BLESSING OF FEARING GOD

What does Scripture say about "blessings"? Why are we blessed?

What does it mean to "fear" the Lord?

How then should we go about "living in the fear of the God"?

THE CONCEPT OF FEARING GOD

What was Malachi's message to his hearers of old and today?

What was God referring to when He talked about His name? Are we casual about God?

FEARING GOD FIRST

What are the different ways we give God our "leftovers"? What is meant by "first fruits"?

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE

Are we giving God our full attention? What happens when we don't? In what three areas do we benefit when we fear God?

FEARING GOD WITH YOUR FEET

What does it mean to deny self, take up your cross, and follow Him?

What is the soul? Why is this important? How do we save our soul?

WHEN EVERYONE IS WATCHING

Who are you when no one is looking? If God is always watching, what are we doing to honor and esteem Him?



WEEK THIRTEEN READ CHAPTER THIRTEEN A KINGDOM MAN & HIS FAMILY LIFE

"There are very few problems in our culture today that you cannot trace directly back to the breakdown of the family. If the family functions according to God's kingdom principles, because the individuals within it are functioning according to God's kingdom principles, then it follows that both the church and society will function reflectively."

What is the goal of the family? Why?

What does the phrase "whoever owns the family owns the future" mean?

COVENANT FOR LIFE

Why is marriage a sacred covenant and not a contract? What are the three fundamental facets of a covenant?

Describe the three things we are to do to cause our wives to become like a fruitful vine.

BEING HER SAVIOR, SANCTIFIER, & SATISFIER

What does **Ephesians 5:25** say about being your wife's savior? How are we to do that?

What does **Ephesians 5:26** say about being your wife's sanctifier? How are we to do that?

What does Ephesians **5:28-29** say about satisfying your wife? How? How are we to pray for our wives?

OLIVE PLANTS

Psalm 128:3 states when we fear the Lord our children will be like "olive plants." Why is this so powerful?

How are fathers to lead their family?

FUTURE MEN

What are we to be "intentional" about? What will intentional "look like" at home?

What if our kids are grown and out of the house?

What happens if we are not intentional?



WEEK FOURTEEN

Read Chapter Fourteen A KINGDOM MAN & HIS CHURCH LIFE

"The church does not exist solely for programs, projects, preaching, and buildings; rather, it exists as the primary vehicle for preparing believers to display God's glory, impact the culture, restore lives, and advance the kingdom."

What is the primary purpose of the church? How is the church to operate?

How are we, "the church," to impact society?

MY FATHER AND CHURCH

How are we to impact our children regarding the role of the church?

GOD BLESS YOU FROM ZION

What is Zion (yesterday, today, and tomorrow)?

What is the purpose of the church assembling together? What keeps us from doing what we were created for?

REFOCUSING THE CHURCH

How is the church like "teenagers living in a house"? How does the church contribute to its own problems?

What is the purpose for the "keys" given to the church by Christ? Are we effectively living according to the truths of Scripture?

THE ASSEMBLY LINE

How is the church like an assembly line? What is the church producing?

What should be the focus of the church? Explain. What is required for the church to become authentic?

SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD

What is the role of a spiritual father? What does it mean to be "fatherless twice"?

Was it any easier for the men of old to advise and nurture the church than it is now?

PUT THE WORD TO WORK

What does it mean to "impart the truth in action"? What should we "emulate"? How?

Who is to walk with you when the world walks on you?

MAKE THE CHANGE

How is the battle to be won? (Exodus17:11-12)

What do we do with the "spiritual orphans"?

What must be done to travel the HOV lane?

What can we do to become "intentional" about being the body of Christ? What already exists in our body that can or needs to be "refocused"? How will we use the "keys" to get the job done?

WEEK FIFTEEN Read Chapter Fifteen A KINGDOM MAN & HIS COMMUNITY LIFE

"A community ought to be a better place than it was before, if the men in it are acting as kingdom men. The world ought to feel our impact for good. The absence of kingdom men in Abraham's time led to a deteriorated society in Sodom and Gomorrah. Homosexuality had become the norm. Terrorism ran rampant in the streets as people threatened and carried out both murder and rape. This was a time of oppression, inequality, injustice, and economic instability. In many ways, it was a time similar to our own."

What does the status of our country's spiritual state say about us—"the church"? What is the main problem we must address as Kingdom men?

WHEN MEN ARE MISSING IN ACTION

What does **Malachi 4:6** tell us about "broken fatherchild" relationships?

What was so important about the "blessing"? What does the covenant signify? What is the solution to "reversing" the curse?

NO MORE FACADES

What is the true test of Zion?

What is the progression seen in **Psalm 128**? What is the "theological view" of government?

 What are we to do as our government and world plunge further into a godless, self-centered way of life? (Jeremiah 29:7)

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MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION

What was Asher's legacy? (1 Chronicles 7:40)

How are we to identify ourselves? What happens when our identity is ripped from us?

What is the answer to "spiritual castration" and "spiritual orphans"? (**Psalm 68:5**; **James 1:27**)

LEADERS LEADING WELL

What is a leader? (Ezra 7:10) What is so essential for a man to lead well? Who are "mighty men of valor"? What is our "greatest battle"?

CALLING ALL MALES

How should a man lead? What is involved in leading well?

What should we learn from Exodus 34:23-24? What was so important about all the men appearing before God in a communal fashion?

What was the result of "all the men" appearing before God?

A STRATEGY FOR COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

What can we learn from the Old Testament prophets regarding social impact?

What happens when we neglect the community?(Ezekiel 16:49)

What is behind every physical problem? What must social ministry encompass?

Do we have to "create" a new way to address our social problems? What must Kingdom men do to address these social issues?

TIME FOR INTERVENTION

What seems to be the one thing missing across the board in American Christianity?

What is called for? Who is called?

DOWN THE ROAD

What is our lasting legacy? ____

EVEN FOR THE FATHERLESS

How can we be a father to the fatherless when we ourselves were fatherless?

Where is our mission field? How will we reach the world for Christ?

What is the biggest threat to our nation? What must we do? What are we doing individually and corporately?

What can our men's ministry do different? Is our focus correct? Who will lead the charge?

"It is time for us as Kingdom men to break our huddle and go public."

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