

Man of God

Man of God is an ancient title given to a prophet. A few examples include: Moses (Deut 33.1); Samuel (1 Sam 9.6-8, 10); Elijah (1 Kgs 17.18, 24; 2 Kgs 1.9-13); and Elisha (2 Kings 4-8 (numerous times)).

Paul uses the phrase "man of God" in his 1st letter to the young man, Timothy (1 Tim 6.11). This occasional writing focused on Paul's charge to Timothy to implement instructions from Paul for the care of the church at Ephesus. While encouraging Timothy in his ministry Paul clearly states actions which a man of God should and should not take. We today can add these same qualities into our individual character which will enable us to be better Christians.

After describing the behavior of false teachers Paul poses to Timothy a set of qualities to "flee from" and a set to "pursue."

Flee from the things ascribed to false teachers (1 Tim 6.3-10):

- Advocates different doctrine; doesn't agree with sound words
- Conceited and understands nothing
- Fighting over words that produce envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions and constant friction among men of depraved mind - deprived of the truth
- Desire for wealth; resulting in ruin and destruction.

Pursue the things characteristic of a man of God (1 Tim 6.11):

- Righteousness – both in relationship with God and man
- Godliness – godly behavior; taking attributes of God into our lifestyle
- Faith – merging our belief into a trust in God
- Love – the highest Christian grace
- Perseverance – patience, endurance, fortitude
- Gentleness – a combination of quietness and meekness.

Paul uses the phrase "man of God" again in his 2nd letter to Timothy (2 Tim 3.17). In prison and facing imminent death Paul writes to encourage Timothy and all who follow Christ. He emphasizes that God's word gives "wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" and is useful for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. One purpose of scripture is to enable a man of God to be perfect (KJV), adequate (NASB), proficient (NRSV) in his ministry. By following God's word we can take on the qualities of a "man of God" so we are fully equipped for our own Christian ministry.

The Challenge

10 Men
10 Weeks
10 Challenges

The 6th Men's Leadership Challenge began Tuesday night, January 4th. Over a 10 week period 10 men will stretch their spiritual growth by completing 10 challenges. Please keep these men in your prayers and encourage them as they focus on improving spiritual leadership skills through hands-on experiences.

Kent Blake	Jeremy Jinkerson
Brett Carter	Justin Marek
Clay Carpenter	Joey Markham
Cary Duncan	Johnny Meadows
Carey Grant	Mike Parham

The Challenge

for Teens

During the spring quarter several of our high school students will take The Challenge for teens. The young men and ladies will be challenged to demonstrate Christian leadership qualities in their everyday lives. Pray for these teens as they increase their Christian leadership through actively serving God and their fellow man. The Challenge for teens begins Sunday, March 13!

What 2 Watch 4

February 27

Daily Bible Readers' (DBR) Ministry Potluck

For DBR ministry participants; after the 10:30 AM worship service; sign-up sheet at the information center.

March 11

Women's Leadership Challenge Reunion

Ladies who have completed The Challenge are invited to attend. Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-8:30 pm for food, fellowship and a discussion of The Challenge experience – past, present and future. Sign-up begins February 20.

April 22-24

Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) National Convention

Participants and families will attend the L2L national convention in Nashville. More details to come in early April. Reminder – on Sunday night, April 24, we will again have the L2L Recognition Night at Germantown immediately following our PM worship service. All L2L participants should attend!

June 6-10

Leadership Camp 2011

Mark your calendar now. Boys and girls, who will be entering the 3rd through 7th grades in the fall semester, may attend Leadership Camp 2011. Learn and apply leadership skills while having fun on the back property!