

# The Mission

To train men *to become everything God intended them to be...* **Godly Men – Fathers – Leaders;**  
Equipping them to spread the message of Jesus Christ throughout their world.

A true man falls, admits that he fell, but gets back up and keeps on trying.

It's not easy for many men to humble themselves before God. We've been brought up to be tough on the playing fields, not to cry, to be heads of households, breadwinners and hard-nosed businessmen.

We pride ourselves on being self-made, but we're really God-made. Allow God to make you!

There are **three key factors** to an effective life in Christ when it comes to men.

## **1. Put On God's Armor Each Morning.**

God is strong, we want to be strong, and He wants us to be strong. We may not always realize it, but we are always wrestling against the unseen powers in the spiritual realm. There's an unending struggle against men, and Satan will do whatever he can to keep these weapons out of our hands!

## **2. Always Pray For Forgiveness And Repentance.**

When there's something wicked and sinful buried in our hearts, God doesn't pretend that everything is OK. He is determined that we deal with it before moving forward with the plans he has for us.

## **3. Find Someplace To Be Involved In Your Church and Community.**

Men have the ability to offer things to the church family and the facilities that very few others can do. We have skills that we have learned. God can use those skills and your servant's heart to benefit your church and the community it's in. Offer yourself to your pastor and find out where your help is needed. *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. **Colossians 3:23-24***

- Add new storage and classroom facilities...
- Break ground on a new building for our Student Ministries...
- Enlarge our property for more parking...
- Remodel some areas within our facility; fellowship floor, kitchen area, platform lighting, security...

My challenge to us men in 2012, is that before we tackle business and the demands of the day, we would take time to face God.

**God 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Family 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Career 3<sup>rd</sup>**

I believe God is saying to us today that he wants us to set our priorities straight this year.

# The Seven Simple Steps

Follow these seven simple steps, stick to it and God will begin to make drastic changes in your life!

**1. WAKE UP TIME** – set a time to rise up in the morning and stick to it. This needs to be on interrupted time. By facing God first, your entire day will improve.

**2. MORNING PRAYERS – 30 minutes** – Prayer is the most powerful weapon you have! God PROMISES to answer the prayers of the righteous according to His will.

**3. BIBLE READING – 30 minutes** – God's word is alive! It is our rulebook and manual for everyday life. If you read just 25 minutes a day, you will have completed the ENTIRE New Testament and the complete Book of Proverbs in 30 days. Save the last 5 minutes to relax and listen to God for your day.

**4. EXERCISE** – This is a crucial part of life, especially today. God wants you to take care of your body. If you already have a workout regime, then stick to it. I encourage you to get a minimum of two hours of exercise a week. You WILL feel and see the difference in just 30 days!

**5. RETURN HOME** – Home is where the heart should be. It is important to be consistent with the time that you are home. Your family needs the security of a consistent leader.

**6. TIME WITH CHILDREN – 1/2 hr. Minimum, Plus Bedtime Prayer** – It is important that you devote quality time each day to your children. The power of the word "dad" reaches beyond a youngster's childhood. In fact, it stands for generations. Commit to this quality time and you will see a drastic improvement in your children, or your grandchildren, and in your relationship with them.

**7. TIME WITH WIFE – 1 hr. Minimum, Plus Bedtime Prayer** – Commit to a minimum of one hour of quality time each day with your wife. Pray each night with her. This may be uncomfortable at first, so start out with just a very short prayer. Each night will get easier and God will take over. Remember a couple that prays together... stays together. You will see an unbelievable improvement in your marriage and in your relationship with her.