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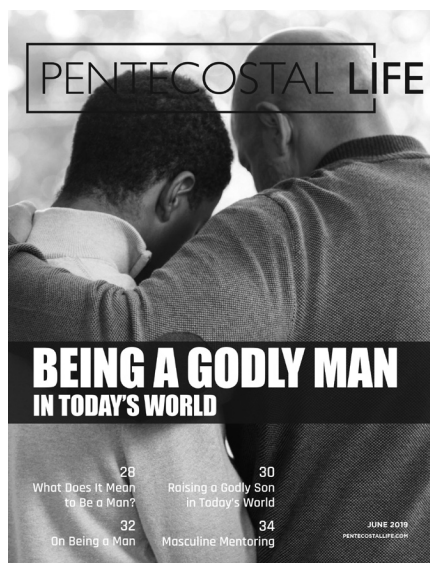
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Welcome to *Pentecostal Life's* small group study, *Being a Godly Man in Today's World*. Thank you for providing leadership for this four-session study. Your enthusiasm for the study will help to inspire and educate your group members to learn about and appreciate the challenge of being a godly man in today's world. .



## Being a Godly Man in Today's World —Small Group Overview

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### Launching the Study

This study focuses on being a man in today's world. It comes from the four ENGAGE articles in the June 2019 issue of the *Pentecostal Life*. Every member of your group will need a copy of the magazine. As a leader, you will need the magazine and the downloadables from [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com).

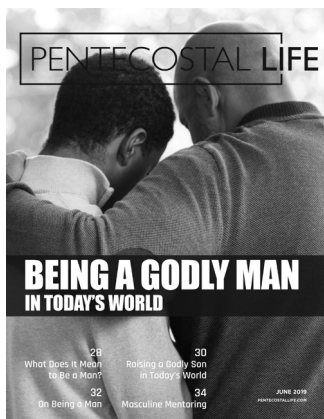
### Before the Study

- Pray that you and the members of the group will be ready to receive what God wants to reveal to them through this study.
- Make sure your group size is small enough to encourage interaction by all participants; if it is too large, consider breaking up into several study groups.
- Set up a circular area where all participants have a seat that allows them to see each other.
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- As the facilitator, you should read the four ENGAGE articles to become familiar with the scope of the study.
- Each week, read the discussion questions and think through the answers you anticipate will be given. Prepare to lead the conversation and make notes on the direction you will take.
- Make certain each member of the study group purchases or has access to the June 2019 issue of the *Pentecostal Life* magazine. *Pentecostal Life* is available in single or bundle subscriptions at [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com).
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### During the Study

- **Focus.** It is easy for small group discussions to veer away from the goal of the study. Gently encourage group members back to the question at hand if this happens.
- **Include.** Ask specific questions of those who are more hesitant to participate to encourage them to join the discussion.
- **Pray.** As appropriate, pray for the members of the group who are struggling.





## SESSION ONE

### What Does It Mean to Be a Man?

By Jerry Dean

#### My Journey

A couple of years ago I asked Terry Shock to spend a morning with me. I was looking for more than just fellowship. I wanted him to

look at my life and ministry and critique me. I was open to any advice he could give. I felt it would be good not just for me but for my family and for the wonderful church I pastor. As Solomon said, there is safety in the multitude of counselors, and I wanted counsel.

We sat down together in a coffee shop. He promptly reached into his briefcase and pulled out a pen and legal pad and began to ask questions about my spiritual life: When do you pray? Do you pray daily? How much time do you spend in prayer? Do you fast and how often? Do you have weekly staff meetings? If not, why? He was steadily writing, and I was beginning to feel uncomfortable. In jest I asked, "Am I on trial?" His responded seriously, "Do you want me to help you? How can I help you without knowing something about your life?" I quickly said, "I want help."

That meeting, along with some follow-up meetings, started me on a new journey. The following year I invited the church to come along. With God leading me, I separated my life into four areas. I will share with you what I am convinced the Lord gave me.

#### My Walk

Commit to starting each day with a minimum of seven minutes with God. (This is what Terry Shock requested I do). Seek the face of God before seeking the face of man. This daily walk will help produce the fruit of the Spirit in you. You must pray that Christ will be formed in you.

Learning to walk in the Spirit will keep you from fulfilling the lust of the flesh. As you meet with God, He will teach you how to lay aside every weight and every besetting sin.

To be a man of God, walking with God is not just a good idea, it is imperative. The writer of Hebrews calls the believer's walk a race. Once you've made up your mind to win this race, laying aside weights and sins becomes easy. All unnecessary baggage is gone.

You will slowly wake up to the realization that daily habits are determining your future. You may not be able to plan your entire future, but you can plan your daily habits. So pick a place and time where you can meet God. I think you will find, as I did, that seven minutes are not enough—but it is a good place to start.

#### My Worship

True worship is born out of a walk with God. Plenty of people in our Christian culture are ready to worship, but few are ready for the daily walk. I was standing beside a pastor friend at camp meeting one night during a red-hot altar service. He pointed out a young man who was up on the platform praying with other people. The young man seemed to be on fire. My friend asked me, "Do you know that man?" When I said no, his response was, "Neither do I." It turned out the young man was a member of the church my friend pastored. When he walked away, he said something like, "Wish he'd do that at home." True worship from a real man of God is born out of a daily walk with God.

The inspired psalmist said, "My heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise to the Lord; I will bless the Lord at all times, and the sacrifice of praise shall continually be in my mouth."

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In another place he wrote, "I will give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name." Under the Old Covenant there was no worship without a sacrifice. For a real man of God, giving is a part of his worship. "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering and come into his courts" (Psalm 96:8).

### **My War**

A true man of God understands he is in a war. He knows he's not fighting flesh and blood, so he daily arms himself with all the armor of God. This enables him to war a good warfare against the enemy of his soul. His weapons are not carnal but mighty through God to break addictions and pull down every stronghold.

A man who seeks God will passionately pursue all the gifts of the Spirit to assist him in this war. He overcomes the devil by the blood of Lamb and the word of his testimony. His war is born from his walk with God and his worship of God. In Acts 19, the seven sons of Sceva found out quickly that before going to war against the enemy one needs a walk with God!

A man of God is not just warring for his own soul but for the souls of his family and friends. He is acutely aware every day that the antichrist spirit is alive in his world, and he refuses to be ignorant of Satan's devices. He refuses to allow culture to rule in his home. His daily walk and his worship have prepared him to be sensitive to the Spirit. He is always on guard for anything that could poison the atmosphere in his home. Because of his walk and his worship, he has become a guardian of godliness.

Can we do what we need to do without the gifts of the Spirit? Can we confront the antichrist spirit without a demonstration of the Holy Ghost? The answer is emphatically no! This is not an option.

### **My Witness**

A man of God who practices a daily walk with God, who worships God, and who is at war with the enemy of his soul will be a witness. Like Paul, he is a debtor. He cannot help but speak the things he has seen and heard. He overcomes the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of his testimony.

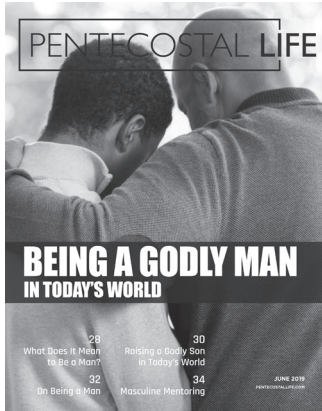
A real man of God is never selfish and knows that he has been given power to be a witness. He is God's ambassador on the earth, a living epistle that is known and read of all men. He prays for boldness by asking the Lord to stretch forth His hand to heal and that signs and wonders will be done in the name of Jesus. Like the prophet of old, he speaks to the north, south, east, and west and commands that the world give up our sons and daughters and bring them back to the Father's house.

A real man of God should practice these four parts until they become blended into one part. He walks with God daily and worships daily. He knows there are no days off in this spiritual battle; he must fight every day. He will be a witness and pray daily that he can be the answer to someone's cry for help.

Now, go ahead and be the man. Take the journey. **PL**

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## SESSION ONE

### What Does It Mean to Be a Man?

#### Objective

To understand what it means to be a man, and to pursue it

#### Opening

1. Present the opening of the lesson by telling about the author's meeting with his mentor.
2. Ask the students the questions the mentor asked the author.
3. Print out enough of "My Confession," the complimentary downloadable trifold, brochure from [pentecostallife.com](http://pentecostallife.com) for each member of your group. Pass the folded brochures out at the beginning of the class.

#### Key Scriptures

Psalms 96:8; Acts 19

**"To be a man of God, walking with God is not just a good idea, it is imperative."**

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# What Does It Mean to Be a Man?

**Discuss the following questions:**

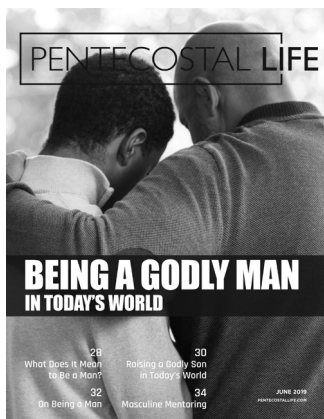
1. What does it mean to be a man?
2. What four areas does the lesson cover regarding being a man?
3. How did the author better his life and that of his family and church?
4. How did a mentor help the author in his search for meaning?
5. How can you improve your worth and meaning as a man of God?

## Assignment

Read “Raising a Godly Son in Today’s World” before next session.

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## SESSION TWO

### Raising a Godly Son in Today's World

Adapted from *The Christian Man*, Word Aflame Press

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*  
(Proverbs 22:6)

"What are you doing?" chuckled the father. The boy replied, "Well, you've been shoving me ever since your flashlight went out. You take the light and lead for a while; I'll shove."

The responsibility of training a child is one of the most awesome challenges a man will face in his lifetime. The weight of that responsibility is inescapable. Some things can help fathers meet this challenge.

#### Live as if You are Being Followed

A small boy was trying to follow in his father's footsteps by literally placing his feet in the imprints left by his father's boots. The stride of his father, moving a few feet in front of the boy, was a little too long for the boy's legs to reach. After failing several times to reach his father's next footprint, the boy stopped and said, "Daddy, you're going to have to walk littler if you expect me to keep up."

It is good for fathers to walk "littler." When we act like men, think like men, speak like men, then men can relate to us and understand us. But small boys cannot. Occasionally little boys need fathers to become "little" again so that they can more easily follow. A wise father will take his lofty and noble ideals and reduce them into child-size goals.

#### Lead Them; Don't Shove Them

A father and son were exploring a cave. The father's flashlight went on the blink, and so he stepped in behind his son and followed him for a while. Then they came to a bend in the dark cave, and the boy was hesitant as he felt his way around some boulders. At one point, he stopped moving and slipped around behind his father. Before his father even knew what he was doing, he put the flashlight in his dad's hand.

Fathers should "take the light and lead" the child. The child does not profit from the father who is always telling him how to act or how not to act yet never showing by example just what he means. His progress through this world will be much smoother if he can simply follow behind someone's sure lead rather than having to take the lead with someone behind shoving him.

#### Learn from Bible Role Models

None of God's great men divorced their wives. Therefore, the father today should make up his mind that he will not divorce. He will live up to his vow "Till death do us part." He will remember that he promised to "love, honor, and cherish" his wife. Avoiding divorce is not enough. He must continue to love her.

None of God's great men ever abused their children. To the contrary, we see David's example of loyalty and love to Absalom. Absalom had shamed his father, David, in front of all Israel. Yet when David sent his soldiers out to capture Absalom, he said, "Deal gently . . . with the young man."

None of God's great men neglected the Temple or worship of God. To the contrary, they were devoted to it. Joshua's leadership epitomized them all when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Let the wise father show his family that he believes in the importance of having a church to go to, to take a family

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to, to hear the Word of God preached. He shows them by faithful attendance, by tithing faithfully, and by making it a priority over other activities.

Explain reasons more than giving orders. When Moses was leading the children of Israel out of bondage, the Lord instructed him to teach the fathers of Israel that when the day came that their sons came to them and asked a reason for the statutes they observed they were to respond properly. The fathers were to say, "We were in bondage, but God set us free." (See Deuteronomy 6:20–25.) In other words, first, in their infancy, the fathers had made the children obey certain religious laws. But all children come to an age where they must know why they are doing such things. Rather than bluntly inform inquisitive children that they had just better obey or else, Moses taught fathers to teach their children reasons for rules.

### **Be a Friend**

A Christian father found out that his son was smoking. He knew it was because of the influence of his high school friends, but he did not want to drive his son further from him by harshness. That would only cause his son to become more secretive about his behavior. The father went to his pastor, who gave him a strong challenge: "Say nothing about the smoking; spend more time with your son doing whatever the two of you can do together. Become best friends."

Most of the time sons try new things because they are impressed by the person who offers them the new experience more than they are intrigued by the experience itself. When sons become impressed with their father's friendship, they are less likely to be impressed with other boys who do not measure up to their dad.

### **Be an Example of Prayer**

It is one thing to tell children to pray. It is better to simply be a man of prayer. It is very simple to know what to pray.

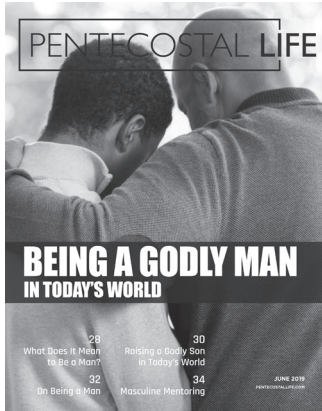
Pray for yourself. A father needs to pray for himself, asking God for wisdom to know how to be a good Christian father. As he prays, he can ask God to give him insight into the problems and trials of his children and the ability to assist them from his vantage point of greater knowledge and experience. Experience that can profit someone else is invaluable.

Pray for your children. A father should pray for his children, asking God to spare them from evil men. He needs to ask God to keep their hearts pure, to help them learn to make good choices, and to save them.

Pray for all those who touch the lives of your children. Fathers can pray for their children's teachers at school and for their Sunday school teachers, youth pastors, and pastor in the church.

Allow them to see and hear you pray. A father should pray just so his children will see, but neither should he hide his prayer life from his family. It is true that we are to enter "into our closets and pray in secret." But if children never see or hear us pray, they will miss this example in developing their own communication with God. They need the example. At least once a week, if at all possible, a father should invite his family to join him in praying for specific people and specific causes. In such praying he will demonstrate worship of God, care for others, his faith in the power of prayer to change things, and his example of praying. **PL**

Adapted from *The Christian Man*, Word Aflame Press.



## SESSION TWO

### Raising a Godly Son in Today's World

#### Objective

To learn the importance of raising godly sons in today's world

#### Opening

1. At the start of the session, ask a class member to present the illustration about the boy trying to walk in his father's footsteps.
2. Lead the group in a discussion of the little boy's statement: "Daddy, you're going to have to walk littler if you expect me to keep up."

#### Key Scriptures

Deuteronomy 6:20–25; Joshua 24:15;  
Proverbs 22:6

**"Daddy, you're going to have to walk littler if you expect me to keep up."**

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# Raising a Godly Son in Today's World

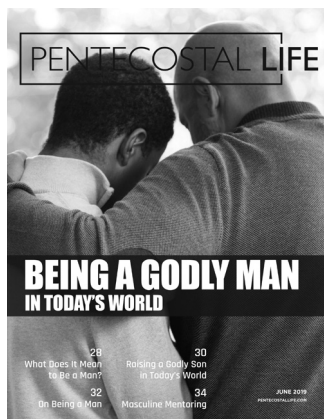
**Discuss the following questions:**

1. How is sharing a concept of teaching?
2. How important is it for a father to be a friend to his sons?
3. What is the difference between a father leading and shoving his son?
4. Give an example of how a father can teach the importance of Bible reading in the home?
5. How can a father become skilled in giving reasons for rules more than with giving orders?

## Assignment

Read "On Being a Man" before next session.

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## SESSION THREE

### On Being a Man

Adapted from *The Christian Man*, Word Aflame Press

A crowning achievement for a male is to be a God-fearing man. An individual can physically be a male but not necessarily be a “man.”

Being a God-fearing man

involves character and other qualities that a male does not automatically possess.

There is a dividing line between boys and men that each boy should desire to cross. Being a man is an honorable goal for a boy—not a sissy, a wimp, or push-over; not a dunce or a dude; not a ladies’ man or a mamma’s boy; not a superman body with a playboy brain, but a God-fearing man. Nothing in all of God’s creation will take the place of a God-fearing man.

Men and women are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). It is amazing how the human body functions, moves, repairs itself, thinks, reasons, and believes. God’s works are awesome and marvelous.

For a man to reach his maximum potential though, he should always remember his frailties. Man should not think of himself more highly than he ought to think (Romans 12:3).

David asked a probing question: “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? . . . For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels” (Psalm 8:4–5).

Paul gave some excellent admonitions. “Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity” (I Corinthians 16:13–14).

**Watch.** For what does a man need to watch? He needs to watch for the Lord’s coming, lest he be unprepared (Matthew 24:42–44). “Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth” (Revelation 16:15). He needs to watch in all things (II Timothy 4:5) and not be gullible in anything, “proving what is acceptable unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:10).

**Stand fast in the faith.** “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27). (See also II Timothy 4:6–8.)

**Quit yourselves like men.** Paul was not intending for men to give up or call it quits; rather he encouraged them to conduct themselves like men. In all situations, the man is to take the manly way out, never the coward’s way. A man does not make his load lighter by heaping undue amounts of problems upon others. He carries his fair share of the load and seeks to help the less fortunate in the bearing of theirs.

**Be strong.** Being strong in the Lord is a desirable trait. Paul was not writing of bulging biceps but rather strength of character and strength of will in pushing one’s self to the completion of a task. When a man is strong, he can provide the leadership that God desires him to offer to his family and associates.

**Let all your things be done with charity.** All things means all things. Giving to the poor, disciplining of children, witnessing to others of God’s salvation plan, addressing the other driver who raced to the parking place first, dealing with a fellow employee who made the



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entire group look bad in evaluation—all things means all things. Done in charity simply means done in love. This attitude will bring a proper balance to the strength of a man—strength will be tempered in love.

A simple declaration does not make a man. A boy becomes a man by his personal development, not by some declaration. A male, be he a child or an adult, becomes a man by attaining to higher levels of character such as responsibility and integrity. “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things” (I Corinthians 13:11).

Someone said, “We need not worry so much about what man descends from—it’s what he descends to that shames the human race.” Males can descend to beasthood, or they can ascend to manhood.

What is programmed into a computer is what come out. The same principle applies to mankind. “Garbage in—garbage out.” A man is what he thinks. “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).

Because of this, man must use caution in his choice of “mental stimulants.” Since what we think on determines what we become, there are some things that should never be a part of our thinking.

There are some mental stimulants that come our way over which we have no control. These negative stimulants may cause an unclean thought to enter our minds, but we should turn away from unclean thinking immediately! “We cannot stop the birds from flying over our heads, but we can stop them from building a nest in our hair.”

Other “mental stimulants” come our way because of choices we make. We choose to avoid the very appearance of evil (I Thessalonians 5:22) so that we may be good and not evil. A man will avoid pornography, whether it be hard core, soft core, or just a little bit questionable. He will guard his thinking, for in so doing, he will guard his being.

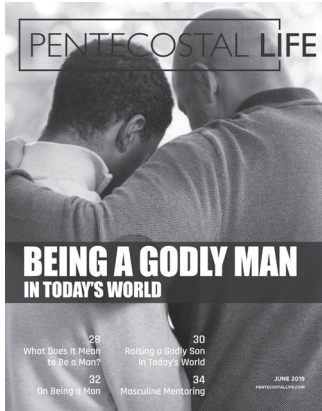
“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me” (Psalm 101:3). This admonition includes books, magazines, television, Internet, smartphones, and any other media that would be a negative mental stimulant.

Things that reach us in ways other than the eye-gate, that is through the rest of the five senses, also need to be screened as a means of guarding out thinking and being. “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, thing on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

The very foundation of a male being a man is for him to fear God. The writer of Ecclesiastes penned these words: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). There can be no fear of God without a corresponding obedience of God’s commandments. (See Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7; Job 1:1.)

With the fear of God as the foundation and being built up as a holy temple of God, men can march forth victorious, more that conquerors through Christ. **PL**

Adapted from *The Christian Man*, Word Aflame Press.



## SESSION THREE

### On Being a Man

#### Objective

To discover the purpose of being a man

#### Opening

1. Ask members of the group about their knowledge of rites of passages, such as bar mitzva for Jewish boys.
2. Are there any rites of passage for boys in North America? If so, what are they?

#### Key Scriptures

Job 1:1; Psalm 8:4–5; 101:3; 111:10; 139:14;  
Proverbs 1:7; 23:7; Ecclesiastes 12:13;  
Matthew 24:42–44; Romans 12:3;  
I Corinthians 3:11; 16:13–14; Ephesians 5:10;  
Philippians 1:27; 4:8; I Thessalonians 5:22;  
II Timothy 4:5–8

**“A crowning achievement for a male is  
to be a God-fearing man.”**

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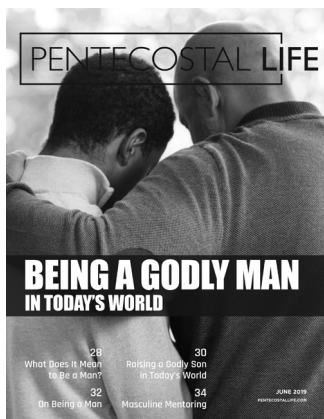
**Discuss the following questions:**

1. What is a crowning achievement for a male?
2. What are the five admonitions given by Paul in I Corinthians 16:13–14?
3. How does the phrase “garbage in—garbage out” relate to a man?
4. What are mental stimulants? How do they affect what a person becomes?
5. What is the whole duty of man?

## Assignment

Read "Masculine Mentoring" before the next session.

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## SESSION FOUR

### Masculine Mentoring By Jacob Tapia

No man is an island. How many times have we heard these words in relation to our personal involvement with others? We know that in order to fully mature and

be successful we need the influence and involvement of others. The same is true for raising up godly men and leaders. We can impact the next leaders through three activities in particular: instructing, modeling, and training the next generation.

#### Instruction

This involves the older man relaying insight and information obtained through personal experience (sometimes known as the “school of hard knocks”) and knowledge gained through their lifetime that is of value to the future success of the younger man.

One great biblical example of instruction is the Book of Proverbs. The author, known for his God-given wisdom, wrote in the first two verses of the book, “The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; to know wisdom and instruction.”

It was Solomon’s goal that the reader, most likely his own son, would read, understand, and apply his instructions in order to avoid potential pitfalls along with attaining great success and achievement. Solomon understood that godliness is reflected in our daily lives and that ignoring principles of right living can cause considerable destruction with debilitating consequences.

Once, during a stressful time early in my ministry, I called an older minister for advice. He began instructing

me on how to handle a difficult situation involving another leader. I was frustrated, angry, and felt as though I had been misunderstood, mishandled, and marginalized. He instructed me to keep a right spirit and not to get bitter over the situation. His words still ring in my mind when he said regarding the conflict with the other man, “This problem is going to reveal your character as well as his.” As I reflect on this situation, I can clearly see how God used a mentor to give me godly instruction that quite possibly saved my reputation, and more important, my soul.

#### Modeling

The older man lives out the principles and values he holds dear, and the younger man witnesses the elder’s characteristics and lifestyle through personal interaction and observation.

In I Corinthians 11:1, Paul instructed the members of the local church, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.” It is this request that gets to the heart of modeling. First, we should exemplify Christ in our lives by following the Lord with our whole heart. Second, our lives of devotion and service to the Lord should invite and compel others to follow our example.

As a young boy, I remember my grandfather taking me to the men’s prayer room before the service started. Kneeling beside him, I could hear him pray. It was the same way I heard him in his home and during altar calls. Through his example, I learned how to pray, to cry out to God and seek His face, and to surrender in the presence of the Lord. His example has been a great influence in my own walk with the Lord.

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### Training

This is the hands-on aspect where the older, more mature individual makes a personal investment into the younger, more inexperienced individual through close proximity encounters with the purpose of passing on skills and expertise.

Jesus utilized this method with His disciples as He lived with them for three and a half years. They walked with Him as He cast out devils, healed the sick, and taught the principles of the Kingdom. Upon His ascension, they proceeded to follow His instructions, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:19).

We see this fulfilled in the second chapter of Acts when the apostles preached to the representation of many nations that one should "repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The Book of Acts further gives us the account of the apostles' activity and the growth and expansion of the church. We see how they followed the training of Christ as they taught the people (4:2), baptized believers (10:48), laid hands on the sick (3:7), and performed miracles in His name (5:12).

This type of development is intentional and takes a commitment of time, energy, and investment. It is often the least utilized method of development because the

rewards are not seen right away, and it takes dedicated effort on the part of the trainer to be thorough and comprehensive in their training. The end result, however, is well worth the extra time and energy as the trainee is equipped and empowered to continue the work and pass on the values and knowledge of the elder.

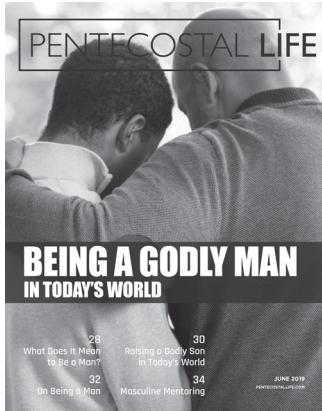
A few years ago, I heard the late Timothy Dugas share a story about his experience growing up in California where his father worked at a Bible school. One day he was walking through a construction area as some men from the church were working to remodel the facility. One of the men saw his interest in the project and invited him to get a hammer and join them. It was that invitation that sparked something inside of him. Over the following years, he would oversee many projects at the church he pastored and as president of a Bible school. His early training by a man who believed in him and saw potential made a lasting impact on many thousands of lives.

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## SESSION FOUR

### Masculine Mentoring

#### Objective

To equip godly men in the mentoring process with tools to raise up the next generation of men and leaders in the church

#### Opening

1. Invite the members of the group to talk about positive and profitable interactions they have had with older men. Would they consider these to be mentoring experiences?
2. Invite the members of the group to talk about positive and profitable interactions they have had with younger men or boys. Would they consider these to be mentoring experiences?

#### Key Scriptures

Proverbs 1:1–2; Matthew 28:19; Acts 3:7; 4:2; 5:12; I Corinthians 11:1

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## SESSION FOUR (CONT.)

# Masculine Mentoring

**Discuss the following questions:**

1. What is one piece of godly instruction an older man shared with you that has had a lasting impact on your life, future, and success?
2. What is one way you can provide instruction for the next generation?
3. Who is one person you feel has modeled godly living in front of you?
4. How has their lifestyle impacted you and what have you learned from it?
5. How can you be a better example for a younger man?
6. What is one time when someone helped you complete a project or perform a specialized task?
7. How did their training impact your life?
8. What is one way you can be more involved in training the next generation of young men?

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