

Study #6

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GROW UP

WARM UP

Thomas Jefferson's ten rules for the good life:

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap. It will be dear to you.
5. Pride costs us much more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. Never repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. Don't let the evils which have never happened cost you pain.
9. Always take things by their smooth handle.
10. When angry count to ten before you speak; if very angry, count to one hundred.

BACKGROUND

God holds the man accountable. He gave Adam responsibility in Eden and He has not rescinded the order (Gen 2:15). He called Adam to accountability (Gen 3:9). Through one man, sin entered the world (Rom 1:12).



READ 1 Cor 13:11, 2 Tim 2:22

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What are some of your responsibilities in life?
2. What helps motivate you to live up to these responsibilities?



3. Share with the group a time when you have been let down by others.

4. Share about how you challenge others to take responsibility for what they do.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will make a list of things I do for others and see if it measures up to the Christian maxim of Christlikeness.
I will do something extra for a member of my family.

CONSIDER THIS

Dr Ed Cole, who is considered the father of the modern Men's Movement, had a maxim that he used all the time, which has become a catch phrase of Christian Men's Network: "Manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous".

When we want to become like someone, what do we do? Say, for example, you are trying to get your golf handicap down. You want to become the best golfer you can be. So you decide to try to be like Tiger Woods. You would copy him; read what he has to say; emulate his swing; learn how he putts; wear what he wears; exercise like he exercises; work like he works; train like he trains, and so on. In other words, in every way you do your best to be just like him. If you were lucky enough to have some personal relationship with Tiger, you would take every opportunity to spend time with him, and if he gave you advice and instruction, then you would do your utmost to apply it. The goal - to be the same as Tiger.

WRAP UP

Jesus is the model for our manhood. He took upon Himself the responsibility for the whole world. Manhood and Christlikeness are synonymous.
Grow up... be a MAN!