Titus: Steps to a Godly Life ... Titus 2:11-15

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,"

...Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)

1. It Begins with the Grace of God...

Scripture... Titus 2:11

2. You are Equipped by God, to be a New Man!

Scripture... Titus 2:12

- Equipped by the **Holy Spirit**... 1Corinthians 10:12-13
- Equipped by the Freedom from Sin... Romans 6:6-7, Ephesians 4:20-24, Romans 12:1-2
- Equipped with a New Identity... 2Corinthians 5:17, Romans 8:12-17, Galatians 4:4-7
- Equipped with an Example to Follow... Ephesians 5:1, 1Corinthians 11:1
- 3. Steps to a Godly Life...
 - Who are you going to be?
 - Goals vs. Steps...(Good and Bad HABITS)
 - Understanding Your Identity...and the Impact it has on Your Outcome!

1. If you could describe <u>what a "Man of God" looks like in his choices, behavior, character, and relationships</u> (and especially in his relationships with his wife and kids), what would that look like?

2. In *1Corinthians 11:1* the Apostle Paul says to "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ", describing how there are examples in our lives of godly men who we can follow and learn from...

Can you think of any specific people who are examples in your life, either Biblically and/or personally, who's lives represent what a "Man of God" looks like? ...(not perfection, but consistent character, growth, and surrender to the Lord)...

- What are the characteristics in their lives that have stood out to you?
- What are some of the detailed practices that are a part of their daily lives that have helped to carve them into who they are today?
- **3. READ** <u>Galatians 5:22-25</u> together... What daily steps and choices can we make that will lead to our mindset and behavior reflecting the character traits described in these verses?
- **4.** It's important to understand that intentional growth and improvement doesn't so much come from identifying specific goals, but rather by identifying the specific small and consistent steps or method to reach the desired result....the "Goal"...

With this in mind can you <u>identify specific small and consistent steps that you can daily commit to</u> that will help "train you to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives" (Titus 2:12)?

- Explain to your Group the areas in your life that you want/need to see change, and the reason why...
- Please share with your Group the steps/actions you are ready to commit to, to begin those daily specific small and consistent steps today, to experience the change, growth, and godly transformation that you desire in your life...

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the *5 Principles for the Christian Man*, help equip you to apply this to your life? Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (Relationship)
- God's Word (Knowledge and Understanding)
- Worship (Adoration)
- Fellowship (Encouragement and Accountability)
- Service (Caring for Others, Action to your Belief)