

Playing the Man

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Key Scripture:

1 Kings 2:2-4...*Show yourself a Man. Keep the charge of the charge of the Lord your God, and walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies...that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, so that the Lord may carry out His promises (to you)...(NASB)*

2 Corinthians 12:6-10 – *...I don't want anyone to think more highly of me than what they can actually see in my life and my message,⁷ even though I have received wonderful revelations from God. But to keep me from getting puffed up, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from getting proud.⁸ Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away.⁹ Each time he said, "My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.¹⁰ Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. (NLT)*

Galatians 4:4-7 – ⁴ *But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,* ⁵ *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.* ⁶ *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.* ⁷ *Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (KJV)*

SUMMARY:

Becoming a Man of God will have its ups and downs. Not allowing pressures of life and inner struggle to stop God's process for your life. Being consistent in seeking God's direction in spite of current circumstances and past failures. Walking in restoration without condemnation. Becoming a more mature man of God every day, and using your testimony to help others know Jesus Christ.

NOTES:

DISCUSSION POINTS:

- ❖ When did YOU realize that your Life belonged to God?
- ❖ Are you just a man or a Man of God?
- ❖ Are you "isolating" yourself in test, trials and failure?
- ❖ What areas of your life suffer from the "little boy"? (immaturity)
- ❖ Who Are your Role Models that you are using for wisdom, guidance, accountability and spiritual covering?

APPLICATION:

Belief in God choosing you. Understanding failure, and recognizing personal shortcoming and how it brings you closer to your purpose. Accepting forgiveness and restoration that comes from Jesus' sacrifice for you. Using mentors around you for wisdom, guidance, and confession.

ON YOUR OWN...

Read:
Proverbs 8:34
Psalms 37:23
Psalms 51
Philippians 3:8-15