

MEN: DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES? (5 R's)

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Intro – The video clip kind of speaks for itself. Sometimes we “just don’t get it”. But get it we must! It’s simply too important not to. Too much is at stake! Today’s message is designed to help us see our way in a time when it’s confusing to know what’s expected of us.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:3 – “NOW I WANT YOU TO REALIZE THAT THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST, AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS MAN...”

1. RECOGNIZE

1 Cor 11:3 – “The head of the woman is man...”

- **OUR CALLING**
- **OUR NEED**

Further Discussion:

1. What is the call upon all men?
2. What does the Christian’s singers quote: “No matter what successes I have, if I fail as a father, then I have failed” mean to you?
3. What does the fact that Christ is every man’s head speak to us?

2. REPENT

2 Cor 7:10 – “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret...”

- **DON’T EXCUSE, DON’T QUIT / JUST REPENT**
- **IT’S NEVER TOO LATE**

Further Discussion:

4. How have men “dropped the ball” from the very beginning starting with Adam?
5. Describe the difference between “failing” and “being a failure”. How does the first bullet relate to this?
6. While it may be too late to change some of the outcomes, why is it never too late in another sense to repent?

3. REORGANIZE (PRIORITIES)

Psalms 90:12 – “Lord teach me to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom”

Luke 12:18-21 – “‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods’. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you ...’ This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.”

Further Discussion:

7. At death, what is often brought into clear perspective?

8. Why is it too late at death for this point? How does Ps 90:12 fit into this?

4. REACH OUT

1 Peter 5:5 – ‘All of you, clothe yourself with **humility** toward one another...’

Prov 18:15(L.B.) – “The **intelligent man** is always open to **new ideas**, in fact he looks for them.”

Further Discussion:

9. Why is it so hard for men to ask for directions, help, etc...

10. Yet, why is it sometimes so necessary and important?

5. RESPOND

James 1:22 – “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**”

James 4:8 – “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

Further Discussion:

11. If we merely listen to the word and don’t do what it says, how does the Bible describe us?

12. James 1:25 say we are _____ if we do the Word?

13. As we respond to God’s Word and draw near to Him, what does it say He will do in response? What does this mean in regards to this message?

**THOUGH NO ONE CAN GO BACK AND MAKE A BRAND NEW START,
ANYONE CAN START FROM NOW AND MAKE A BRAND NEW END!**