

Week of March 11, 2024

Focus: No More Second-Rate Marriages - Chapter 10

Theme: Marriage

Scripture Memory: 1 Peter 3:7

Overview:

There's a definition of being a godly man that I (A.J.) have had from a young age, which is:

A Godly Man:

1. Rejects Passivity
2. Accepts Responsibility
3. Leads Courageously
4. Invests Eternally

Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):

- **Monday:** Gen 2:18-25
 - How would you define marriage? According to this passage, who created and defines marriage? Do you see anything in these verses that encourage or challenge you regarding a possible future marriage (if single) or your current marriage (if married)?
- **Tuesday:** Ephesians 5:25-33
 - Tony writes: God laid the primary responsibility for the home on Adam, not Eve.
 - Who's responsible for leading the family and raising children? What does it look like in your family or life today?
- **Wednesday:** Gen 3:1-13
 - Tony says, "Whenever a husband shifts the burden of leadership to his wife, he makes a serious mistake."
 - Where have you been passive in your leadership as a man/husband? What are some areas for you to take up more responsibility?
- **Thursday:** Colossians 3:19
 - What do you think Paul meant by the word "harsh"? If married, how might you tend to be harsh with your wife?
 - Read vv1-18. How is it possible to show gentleness when you would otherwise be harsh and begin treating your wife in all circumstances with kindness?
- **Friday:** Heb 12:1-4
 - Tony states: A lot of men today don't have any problem leaving Mom and Dad when they get married, but they aren't really willing to leave behind their former way of life.
 - Is there any "weight...and sin which clings so closely" that you need to lay aside in order to have a more complete marriage/relationship?
- **Saturday:** Galatians 2:20
 - Tony writes: "I realize that following this formula is not easy. That's where your dependence on the Holy Spirit comes in. Without the enabling of God's Spirit, you are merely trying to produce a supernatural response by human effort."
 - How is it possible to access the power of Christ already living in you?
 - Is there a connection with living "by faith in the Son of God"? If so, what is it?
- **Sunday (Accountability Day):** 1 Peter 3:7
 - If married, are your prayers being hindered because of the way you're treating your wife?
 - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

Weekly Challenge:

Growing up, I was taught that you should want to out-serve one another. An example my dad used to always say to men, and I'm paraphrasing, is: "Men, if you want to be the leader in your home and be great in the sight of God, out-serve your wife." Now, I'm not married, but the essence of that phrase can be applied to multiple facets of life.

Look for ways to glorify God and to lift others up.

Song of the Week:

[My Lady and Myself - Fred Hammond](#)

