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Why Men's Meetings?

- To persuade, press, and provoke men to their BEST.
- To do it without family and/or for male matters.
- They are not for feel-good entertainment like most.
- We could have bowling and basketball leagues.
- We could have visitation to pass out heresy tracts.

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Let's Rank All You Men - 1

- An IQ test ... 45-145 ... ave 100
- Annual earned income
- Bench press
- Impromptu speech
- Mile run
- Net assets not counting house
- Waist measurement
- Wife satisfaction index
- Verses memorized

Let's Rank All You Men - 2

- These things are seldom talked about in a group.
- Some of them are considered offensively private.
- Feelings would be hurt and pride could easily result.
- But the greatest measure of a man is his godliness!
- God in scripture compares and ranks men openly.

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Does He Deserve It?

- If God were only your Creator?
- Since He adopted you, does that help?
- Since He has given you more than most?
- What has He not done that He should do?
- Is the gift of His Son just not very impressive?
- What about the truth He has entrusted to you?
- What if sunshine and rain were all He had given?
- Does He deserve your very best as a very great king?
- Is He justified in severely judging any poor returns?

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God Compares Men - 1

- Tee-ball keeps no score to avoid winners and losers.
- Your Creator, Judge, and Father keeps score always.
- He loves to commend and reward the winners.
- He loves to ridicule, punish, and take from the losers.
- Think ... tremble ... parable of the pounds (Lu 19:11-27)!

God Compares Men - 2

20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin:

21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow.

22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow:

23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury?

Luke 19

God Compares Men - 3

- Men avoid comparisons today due to effeminacy.
- Jesus: “Lovest thou me more than these?” (Jn 21:15).
- Some widows get supported ... others not (I Tim 5:3-16).
- He that hath gets more ... he that hath not loses it!
- Bereans more noble than Thessalonians (Acts 17:11).

God Compares Men - 4

- Are there comparisons in Samuel, Kings, Chronicles?
- What king was the constant standard of greatness?
- Which kings were compared favorably?
- Which kings were compared unfavorably?
- You don't think it fair to compare to David? Grow up!

Compared to David ... Flunked

- Solomon ... not perfect like heart of David .. (I Kgs 11:4).
- Solomon ... not fully after LORD as David ... (I Kgs 11:6).
- Solomon ... not keep statutes as David ... (I Kgs 11:33).

- Abijam (2) ... not perfect like heart of David ... (I Kgs 15:3).

- Amaziah (8) ... yet not like David his father ... (II Kgs 14:3).

- Ahaz (11) ... did not like David his father ... (II Kgs 16:2).

Compared to David ... Passed

- Jehoshaphat (4) ... walked in ways of David ... (II Chr 17:3).
- Hezekiah (12) ... all David his father did ... (II Kgs 18:3).
- Josiah (15) ... walked in all the way of David ... (II Kgs 22:2).

God Compares Men - 5

- Bear fruit of 30-fold, 60-fold, and 100-fold.
- Do it His way, or you are not fit for kingdom (Lu 9:59-62).
- Jesus laid out duties ... or cannot be my disciple.
- Jesus laid out duties ... or not worthy of me.
- John the Baptist was greatest born of women.

God Compares Men - 6

- Paul did not want John Mark on second trip (Ac 15:38).
- Benaiah more honorable than 30 but not 3 (II Sa 23:23)!
- Abishai more honourable than 2 but not 3 (I Chr 11:21).
- Paul boasted of his superiority (II Cor 10:12-16; 11:22-28).
- We are supposed to pick the best and follow (Phil 3:17).

God Compares Men - 7

- We are to covet earnestly the best gifts (I Cor 12:31).
- Jesus said Mary had chosen the good part (Lu 10:41-42).
- Hezekiah's Passover compared to Solomon (II Ch 30:26).
- Josiah's Passover was compared to Samuel (II Ch 35:18).
- The gifts in the church are clearly ranked (I Cor 12:28).

Examples by Contrast

- David ... vs ... Manasseh
- Aaron ... vs ... Solomon
- Abraham ... vs ... Lot
- Josiah ... vs ... Jehu
- Timothy ... vs ... Demas
- Paul ... vs ... John Mark
- Jehoshaphat ... vs ... Hezekiah
- Moses ... vs ... Saul
- Nicodemus ... vs ... Philip

Assigning W2, W1, AVE, B1, B2



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- I only miss 10% of assemblies in a year ... AVE.
- I never pray unless forced ... W1.
- I never pray ... W2.
- I visit with family 70% of time around services ... W1.
- I meticulously tithe 10% of my gross ... AVE.
- I am too busy to participate outside services ... W2.
- I volunteered to do a Psalm once ... AVE.
- I did not volunteer to do a Psalm ... W2.
- I think you are too hard to measure us like this ... W2.

Are You Competitive? - 1

- How many 20-year-olds can match **Mormon** boys?
- What do you do to match **JW** door-to-door work?
- Who makes vows of **celibacy and poverty** for lies?
- Arminians and others have more weekly activities.
- You do not teach S.S., drive a bus, sing in choir, etc.

Are You Competitive? - 2

- Why would you not want to aim for David?
- Why is not your life exceeding magnificent for Him?
- Why get excited about a career, job, raise, or title?
- Why not get excited about great king and a crown!
- The desire of the office of bishop is good (1 Tim 3:1).

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“And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez” (1 Chron 4:9).

- As indicated, the Holy Spirit compares and ranks.
- Jabez was more honourable than his brothers.
- The Spirit notes a bold prayer that was answered!

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“His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all.”

I Corinthians 15:10

- Paul was constrained by love of Christ (II Chr 5:14-15).
- He forgot things behind and pressed on (Phil 3:12-14).
- Those forgiven much love much, few like Paul (Lu 7:47).

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“For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s” (Phil 2:20-21).

- Might there have been hurt ministerial feelings?
- Is this generally true of most all Christians today?
- If you seek your own, not Christ’s, you are a ... BW!

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What Hinders You? - 1

- In a spiritual rut and really don't care?
- Life's pretty cool and you're content?
- You can't hear me due to your daydreaming?
- God and Christ not important enough?
- It does not matter; you're elect?
- You're an average loser in everything?
- Tired of being pressed, want praise?
- It doesn't matter – God is God?
- It'll work out in the end okay – everything does.

What Hinders You? - 2

- Someone else will do it? You can wait.
- You sinned last year ... its too late? Think David!
- You need this reminder tonight?
- You need ideas to improve?
- You couldn't keep it up the last time you tried?
- You think your peers even here will mock you?
- I think God wants us to take it easy in life?
- I'll get serious soon, probably around 30?
- You say the same over and over ... I am still alive.

Are there still 168 Hours in a Week?

- Does **50** hours at work cover most of you?
- Does **60** hours sleeping cover most of you (8.5)?
- Does **8** to eat and bathe cover most of you?
- Does **8** to attend church twice weekly cover you?

- Is there time to **work another full-time job**?
- Is there time to **read the N.T. each week** (10m a chap)?
- Is there time to **do church yard yourself ten times**?
- What do you do with the extra 42 hours?

Little Things to Improve - 1

- Pray in back room ... most never have ... same 10/40.
- Take your wife a treat and thank her in Jesus' name.
- Pray one minute longer every day than your habit.
- If you are not giving systematically, stop robbing God.
- If you are giving systematically, start giving 1% more.
- If you are under 30, gravitate to those 5+ years older.
- If you have family here, please God by ignoring them.
- If a systematic Bible reader, increase a chapter a day.
- If not systematic, get so by using one of many plans.

Little Things to Improve - 2

- Get with a man or couple that would rank above you.
- Ask for someone to write, from brother Sing to Jim.
- Get the monthly prayer schedule and use it each day.
- If you have systematic devotions, add a minute or so.
- If you do not, then get systematic in a daily schedule.
- Find a soul (everyone knows someone) ... win a soul.
- Make the Proverb a set habit with prayer for readers.
- Pick one time a week when you will sing with family.
- Listen to one extra sermon a week, even in your car.

Little Things to Improve - 3

- Cut down your television by 25% one way or another.
- Every time you play ... anything ... think of manhood.
- Text or email 2-3 sentences to one member a week.
- Entertain a church member once a week anywhere.
- Take 5 minutes during work day to read and/or pray.
- Prepare an explosive thanksgiving for second service.
- Do something for your wife to pleasantly shock her.
- Pray with your wife, both kneeling, once a week.
- Is there enough extra time to do all these in a week?

Means of Improvement - 1

- First of all get a vision and zeal for greatness (Gal 4:18).
- Prepare your ways before God the LORD (II Chr 27:6).
- Get constrained by knowing about Jesus (II Cor 5:14-15).
- Forget ... forget ... past good and press on (Phil 3:12-14).
- Feast on God's word and the men who feasted on it.

Means of Improvement - 2

- Set a daily schedule for Bible and prayer as taught.
- Commit to pray once a month in the back room.
- Assign yourself and your children to consider others.
- Commit to volunteer every time for ongoing projects.
- Volunteer for individual jobs and get turned down!

Moving to the Right on the Scale



Onsies for the LORD!

- Can you give God one minute, one chapter, one %?
- This small amount will move you right on the scale.
- If you give them sincerely, He will bless your soul.
- As He blesses your soul, you will give Him more.
- As you give Him more, you move toward being BEST!

Moving to the Right on the Scale



Your Wife should be the Best

- Measured God's way in the Bible, not her way.
- Measured God's way in the Bible, not your way.
- Not by worldly women or carnal Christian women.
- How does your wife rank? Others doing the judging?
- How does she really compare to Hannah and V.W.?

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“Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou
excellest them all” (Pr 31:29).

- For any woman to satisfy Proverbs 31 is high praise.
- For this woman to have excelled all such is fabulous.
- This is not her opinion, your opinion, but God’s rule.

Your Children should be the Best

- Measured God's way in the Bible, not their way.
- Measured God's way in the Bible, not your way.
- Not by worldly youth or carnal Christian youth.
- How do your children rank in two commandments?
- Give them assignments at home and for church.

Conclusion

- We want sons and grandsons to be better than us.
- But we are not going to lie down to make it easy.
- We will assist in any way possible ... like tonight.
- Let's press each other for the whole church to grow.
- Consider when Jesus asks, "Why didn't you care?"

For Further Study

- **Managing a Man's Life** ... www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/managing-your-life.pdf
- **A Mighty Man's Life** ... www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/a-mighty-man.pdf
- **He Deserves Better than That** ... www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/he-deserves-better-than-that.pdf
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