

Men in the Bible

Applying Truths from Their Lives to Today

JESUS

*Jesus' humility and unselfishness (Philippians 2:3-8)

*Jesus' overcoming of temptation (Hebrews 4:15; Matthew 4:1-11)

*Jesus' obedience and surrender (John 5:19,30; 6:38; 8:28)

*Jesus' prayer life (Luke 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:29, 11:1, 22:41)

*Jesus' legacy and plan (John 17:4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Mt 28:19-20)

Discussion:

1. Jesus' life was marked by humility and unselfish actions. See Philippians 2:3-8 and James 4:6. How can we exhibit that humility and unselfishness in our lives?

First, examine your life for selfish behavior. Pride and selfishness often work together so remember to examine your life for pride as well. Remember, God opposes pride. After prayerful evaluation, confront your sin and repent. After this self evaluation, ask God to let you see your life with the proper perspective; i.e., see yourself as an instrument of God and as a minister to others. Be willing, and then act, by placing yourself in uncomfortable or unpleasant circumstances for the well being of others.

2. Jesus submitted to the Father's will throughout his earthly life. See John 5:19,30; 6:38; 8:28 and Luke 22:42. His submission to God the Father is another example for us. How can we apply this characteristic in our life?
 - *Be willing to submit to authorities in your life. You must model this behavior or your family will not. Submission means submitting to laws, to government, to your boss at work, and to other leaders in various areas of your life.*
 - *Genuinely seek God's will in your life and follow through with obedience.*
 - *Ask if others see Jesus in you. When we surrender our lives to Him, others will see Jesus in us.*
3. Jesus went through the pain of the crucifixion and then, a greater pain, taking on our sin. He was the example of sacrifice for others. Men of today must follow this example. Men must sacrifice for their families, for fellow Christians, and for the Gospel to be proclaimed. How can we serve from that level of sacrifice?
 - *Understand your call; i.e., to be representatives of Christ, to be spiritual leaders in your home, to be the one who models Christ in your marriage, and to utilize your spiritual gift(s) God has given you.*
 - *Respond to the call. Follow Christ fully and be willing to sacrifice.*
 - *Look to eternity. Seek to please Him more than anything in the world.*
 - *Pray and surrender fully to Him each day.*
4. Jesus was tempted in every way. See Hebrews 4:15 and Matthew 4:1-11. How was he able to overcome temptation and how can we apply to our lives? Look at Matthew 3:16-17 for some further insight.

Jesus overcame temptation by being led by the Spirit and relying on the Word of God. He also did not linger over the temptation but quickly rejected the temptation based upon God's Word. We, too, should reject temptation in the same way.

**Submit to God and ask for Him to lead each day.*

**Know and rely upon His Word.*

**Do not flirt with temptation. Quickly reject temptation.*

5. Jesus words in John 17:4 are words we should all reflect upon for our lives today. When we reach the end of our life, will we be able to say we accomplished the work we were given to do? What is the work given to us as Christians? What hinders us from staying focused on the work we have been given to do?

Remember eternity and the legacy you want to leave. Will we have a life pleasing to Him or to the world? Will our family say we were a committed follower of Christ and led them to Jesus OR will they speak of our earthly accomplishments.

A review of the Men we have studied:

- ★ Joshua proved to be **God's man** because he stood alone for God. He was devoted and loyal to God. He obeyed God.
- ★ Abraham proved to be **God's man** because he believed (trusted) God. He had a close relationship with God and was His friend. He saw beyond today and looked to eternity.
- ★ Eli and Achan were not man that followed God. For us to be **God's man**, we must obey God, make the tough decisions, maintain the right priorities, and be a testimony for God before our family.
- ★ Joseph was a MAN of God. For us to be **God's man**, we must resist temptation, forgive others, and be faithful and loyal to Him no matter the situation or circumstance.
- ★ David was a MAN of God. For us to be **God's man**, we must trust Him, be broken over sin in our life, worship Him with a devoted heart, and build Christian friendships in our lives.
- ★ Solomon wandered from being a MAN of God. For us to be **God's man**, we must fear God, obey Him in every walk of our life, and remember our accountability to Him.
- ★ Paul was a MAN of God. For us to be **God's man**, we must be students of His Word, stay focused on our mission of sharing God's message of salvation and making disciples, and maintain an eternal perspective.
- ★ JESUS, the Son of God, was a PERFECT MAN. For us to follow His example, we must obey God, fully submit to His will, and rely on His power by seeking Him each day.

Commitment:

Review the list above. Look over characteristics of the men. Ask God to change you. Confess any sin. Repent. Commit today to follow Him with all your heart.