

# MAN OF GOD

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*But flee from these things, you **man of God**, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.*

- 1 Timothy 6.11

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the **man of God** may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

- 2 Timothy 3.16,17

# The man of God proposition.

We are expecting way too little.

The American leadership vacuum is eating our lunch.

Those who should be spiritual examples are religious leaders with sand feet.

Our schools and colleges are mired in social modernism and political correctness.

Our institutions are filled with greedy, self-gratifying wimps with flawed moral compasses.

Our political class is devoured by self-serving avarice of power and wealth.

Our media watchdogs have become lapdogs.

All without one measure of accountability from those of US under their care - because we appear to prefer our leaders to have obvious foibles - so we can feel better about ourselves.

**As a world culture we are over the top arrogant in our perceptions about life and death - good and evil - God and man.**

It is stunning to think about our leaders of the last several decades.

Our American presidents come to mind. What a disappointment - on so many levels.

Add pop culture obsession with sports figures, musicians, actors and personalities, and mind-numbing pastimes.

**All this belies ignorance of our own substance, identity, and personal worth.**

Educator, pastor, politician, boss, supervisor, service provider, neighbor, mom and dad - we are ALL meant to reflect the intellect, heart, and actions of our Creator.

*Is this what you see around you?*

**There has to be something more.**

Let's rediscover the lines already etched into human soil.

This story is built around "the man of God proposition" offered in the Bible:

There is a Living God.

He has carefully spoken.

He rewards men and women who fear and follow Him by faith.

He transforms us into His instruments to produce His music - His rhythm.

His Son IS His symphony brought near.

It is His desire that every man become His man - a man of God.

*"It is our Creator's intention that we would aspire to become His man or His woman."*

Hear if you will, man of God.

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Three things will help you on your journey to become a man or woman of God.



1. See the God Story come to Life
2. Experience spiritual connection
3. Learn to go deeper



The secularization of our world is occurring at an alarming rate. Idolatry of self infests the core of the modern soul.

There is a deep need for a leadership paradigm shift, one which reflects the pure function of the timeless teachings of the King of the earth.



Formal pastoral training does not insure someone will become a Kingdom leader. And becoming a professional spiritual leader does not necessarily bring about the humility necessary to serve as a shepherd-guide in the King's world.

If you want to become a Kingdom leader - where loyalty to King and devotion to His Kingdom eclipse recognition, attainment, and "success" - I believe I can help you in your journey.



Transformation occurs from the inside out. The Word of God outlines a powerful path along which the Spirit of God can meet us in the circle of humility - and we can become great in the Kingdom of Heaven. Even if no one but God notices.

So there you go.

Respectfully hopeful,

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# The man of God conversation.

You want to make a difference.  
You are busy.  
Your life is full.



But you don't want to run the race of your life and miss the mark.

It would be amazingly simple if men and women of God could arrive by front door delivery. "Click now to receive the "man of God" skin and heart - if you order by March 31st the shipping is free." No work. No pain. No effort. Just download it to my OS and I will start today!

The rigorous path to becoming a man or woman of God passes through four **passages** of faith - each expanding our journey toward a destination - like a brightening light growing stronger each month and year: "Well done, good servant, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities." (Read all of Luke 19:11-27 and think it through!)

## PASSAGE ONE: THE NEW, BELIEVING HEART (Ezekiel 36:26)

You have surveyed the landscape of living. You have reflected upon your own soul and your own mortality. You have personally investigated religion(s). You have considered the Words of the Son of God. And now you have decided that Jesus really is the Messiah, the Savior of the world. He is your Deliverer and your invitation to living forever. You are prepared to bend to His Kingship over your life. You want to relinquish the enthronement of your will - and you are prepared to walk through the door of faith.

*Your heart has come alive in belief!*

## PASSAGE TWO: THE INTENTIONAL HEART (Matthew 5:6)

Your heart thirst has begun to be quenched. The Living Water is beginning to overtake your soul, and you are grateful. But you realize there is more. Now you are becoming hungry. You realize you will not be content to give Jesus a small part of who you are. You certainly cannot justify throwing Him the scraps of your existence. You have a deep desire to invite Him into ALL of your life. He is your King - and you are His servant. Your personal goals matter to Him. Your vocation is a part of His work. You want to find your place in His expanding Kingdom. You want those whom you love to find the faith, hope, and love you have begun to see unfold in your heart. *Your heart has deepening desire to honor your Living King!*

## PASSAGE THREE: THE HEALING HEART (Romans 12:1,2)

You are growing from the inside out. The Living Water and Bread of Heaven have begun sustain you like nothing you have ever experienced. God is rich and full. He is kind and just. He is involved in your life. He is building His character inside your heart, making you able to experience transformation of character through His Good Spirit. Who you have been is now a tool to be shaped into the glory of God. Your new heart is now overtaking your old heart. *You are experiencing the realities of becoming a new creation!*

## PASSAGE FOUR: THE KINGDOM HEART (Matthew 5:8)

Your transformation of personal vision is rich and full. You have come to believe that His gift of a **pure heart**, of **knowing Him** and being known by Him, of **doing kindness** to others, and your deepening desire to **grow life** is now your greatest treasure. You are looking for a better country, a better City - one whose architect is God - where you will enjoy the promises of your life of faith forever. *You are working to provide shelter for others.*

*These spiritual life passages view what it means to engage and mature in the man or woman of God journey!*



## AWAKENING

The premise of the Bible is that all men and women are spiritually asleep. “Awake sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Religion is insufficient to awaken the soul to the King and His Kingdom. We must awaken through connection.

*Are you committed to being awake and alive spiritually?*

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## END GAME

You know your life will end one day. You know deep inside that how you live matters. And when this life merges with your forever life - you want to be ready to meet your King.

*Are you prepared to give what it takes to be at peace in this life and the one to come?*

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## NEXUS

The arena of faith is where God meets man. Where meaning eclipses futility. Where connection with our real selves, God, and eternity all converge.

Finding a pure heart through the door of humility.

Knowing the One Who made you as you connect deeply with Him.

Doing kindness as you live out your days.

Planting and watering in God’s field as He Grows life in and around you.

These are the elements of the ManofGodNexus.com.

True camaraderie. True fellowship. True fulfilment.

*Do you want to enter into a fellowship of other men who wish to become men of God?*

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# THE LEARNING PORTALS OF FOURTHSTREAM.COM

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Biblical teaching (theology) emerges as we *allow the Bible to interpret itself*. The refrain “that’s just your interpretation” is a house of straw. There is very little room for differing views of truth when a biblical hermeneutic is applied. Scripture must be allowed to interpret itself.

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- solid training in allowing the Bible to [interpret itself](#)
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- [comprehensive and systematic study guides](#) to capture your thought processes and to prepare for future use in teaching others
- [interactions](#) with experienced men of God
- on-line teaching sessions and study guides to stimulate your quest for Kingdom learning - so you can move at [your own pace](#), in your own home



### Portal #1: TheGodStory.com includes:

**The God Story Introduction...**the complete story from A to Z  
**The 8 Great Epochs Study...**solid foundations in the God Story  
**The Streamsbook...**a four Gospel harmony of what Jesus did and taught  
**The Questionbook...**a companion to the Streamsbook  
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**The Engage Experience...**a complete Kingdom-follower course  
**Character of a Man of God...**foundations in personal humility  
**Strong Homes....**establishing a principled home  
*You will encounter what it means to be a spiritual Christ Follower.*



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the Return, the Gospels, and the Letters.

*You will absorb a lifetime foundation for your world view, theological adequacy, and vision for your personal ministry.*

# MAN OF GOD COURSE WORK

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### Man of God 100 Series

- Complete the [Man of God introduction](#) and intake interview
- Read the book [Curious Journey](#)
- Complete the [God Story Introduction](#)
- Complete the [Engage Introduction](#)
- Complete the [Deeper Self-study Introduction](#)
- Completion of interview #1

### Man of God 200 Series

- Read the book [Wild at Heart](#)
- Complete the [Eight Great Epochs in the Fabric of Time](#) series
- Complete the [Streamsbook/Questionbook](#) series
- Write your [paper](#) on the purpose, plan, and relevance of the God Story
- Completion of interview #2

### Man of God 300 Series

- Read the book [The Church Without Walls](#)
- Complete the [Engage God Experience](#) series
- Write a paper depicting your current world view in light of 100, 200, 300

### Man of God 400 Series

- Read the book [Shaping of Things to Come](#)
- Complete the [Man of God Character](#) series
- Review [MyStrongHome.com](#) and return to/complete this series when appropriate
- Check out [MyCuriousJourney.com](#) and return to/complete when appropriate
- Read the book [The Adversary](#)
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### Man of God 500 Series

Chapter by Chapter study of the entire Bible (question curriculums for each book)

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Certification as a Trainer (optional)

Read the books [Biblical Eldership](#), [The Insider](#), [Soul Talk and Connecting](#), and [Captivating](#)

**Man of God Certification** (optional)

Marriage and Family Course Training

Strong Home Course ([MyStrongHome.com](#))

Read the books [Saving Your Marriage](#), [Shepherding A Child's Heart](#), [Age of Opportunity](#)

Theological and World View panel interview



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Portal #1: [God Story Introduction](#)/8 Great Epochs Series/Streamsbook/Questionbook

Portal #2: [Engage Introduction](#)/Engage Experience/Character of a Man of God/A Strong Home

Portal #3: [Deeper Introduction](#)/Our Roots, the Land, the Kings, the Prophets and Captivity, the Return, the Gospels, and the Letters

## YOU WILL NEED:

A New American Standard Bible to write in. A suitable pen. A highlighter.

A number of books for which you will write a series of brief papers:

[Curious Journey](#) (Nadler) .....Understanding Kingdom Story and relationships

[Wild At Heart](#) (Eldredge) .....Understanding men

[Shaping of Things To Come](#) (Frost & Hirsch) .....A new mission paradigm

[The Church Without Walls](#) (Peterson) .....A new face for the church

[The Insider](#) (Petersen-Shamy) .....Reaching out to others in your everyday world

[Soultalk & Connecting](#) (Larry Crabb) .....Understanding effective relationships

[Saving Your Marriage](#) (Parrott) .....Elements of a strong marriage

[Shepherding A Child's Heart](#) (Tripp) .....Parenting Children

[Age of Opportunity](#) (Tripp) .....Parenting Teens

[Biblical Eldership](#) (Strauch) .....Biblical leadership through humility

[Captivating](#) (John and Staci Eldredge) .....Understanding women

[The Adversary](#) (Bubeck) .....Spiritual Warfare

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# Awakening NEXUS

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Matthew 12:50

The teachings introduced in the diagram below are the nexus of a Kingdom paradigm. God's man or woman for the 21st century will need to rediscover each of these 8 principles to live and teach what it means to experience an awakening of heart. God's gift of a **pure heart, knowing God**, learning to **do kindness**, and passion for **growing life** as you reflect the heart of the one who finds and offers the shelter of the Kingdom to others.

And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old." - Matthew 13:52

What do you learn about awakening from each concept and passage listed?

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## GOD ACCURACY

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Job 42:7

## MISSIONAL CHOICES

Philippians 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15

## KINGDOM PARADIGM

Matthew 13:51,52

## STRONG HOMES

Deuteronomy 6:4-15

## EMBRACE STORY

John 21:24,25

## TRANSFORMATION

Romans 12:1,2

## CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Acts 2:41-47



## SPIRITUAL INTENTIONALITY

Hebrews 13:14-16