

LIFE LESSONS JUST FOR MEN  
MALE LEADERSHIP 101  
1 CHRONICLES 12:32; 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13



## The Heart of the Matter

“There’s a war on.” This World War II slogan was used to remind people to ration goods for the sake of the war effort. With a slight modification, we could adopt the slogan today: “There’s a war on—a cultural war.” A popular World War I poster showed Uncle Sam pointing his finger and saying, “I Want You!” What is desperately needed in this cultural war? Male leadership.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. The Gutsy Men of Issachar (1 Chronicles 12:32)

The men of Issachar could see what others could not, and they had the guts to say so.

### 2. Punched-Out Principles for a World That’s Lost Its Way (1 Corinthians 16:13)

No one enters a battle without first receiving basic training. Our drill instructor is Paul, who barks out four rapid-fire commands designed to transform us into men of Issachar.



## Starting Your Journey

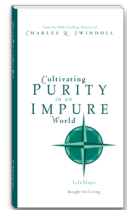
Paul’s commands require us to place our “boots on the ground” if we are to be victorious. To be on the alert means to guard against erosion and fight passivity. To stand firm in the faith requires us to simplify our lives and take God seriously. To act like a man is to consider ourselves to be managers, not lone rangers, and to deliberately cultivate masculine traits. To be strong requires us to exercise our muscles of determination and reaffirm our life commitments.



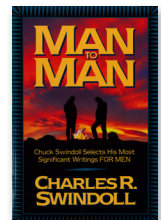
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LIFE LESSONS JUST FOR MEN  
FOR MEN ONLY: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE  
EPHESIANS 5:25-33



### The Heart of the Matter

The more valuable things are, the more time they take. This is especially true of hand-made valuables, like beautiful Turkish rugs. For weeks, months, and sometimes years, workers sit on stools weaving one thread and then another to create the intricate patterns of a rug that is not only striking but will last for generations to come. Marriage is like that—it takes time, but if God’s pattern is followed, it produces a thing of lasting value.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Dominant Thread in the Marriage Relationship (Ephesians 5:21)

The central thread that runs through the fabric of our marriages is submission.

#### 2. The Dominant Thread for the Husband (Ephesians 5:25-33)

Men, if we are to weave a beautiful marriage, the primary colored thread we must incorporate throughout is the crimson thread of love.



### Starting Your Journey

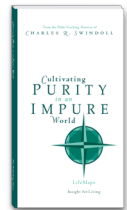
Like an expensive handmade rug, we can make our marriages priceless, but we need to keep these threads in mind while weaving it together. First, a good marriage cannot be cultivated in a hurry. Second, the husband/wife relationship must be nurtured over the long haul, with love and respect. And third, when it comes together according to the divine pattern, it is a mystery.



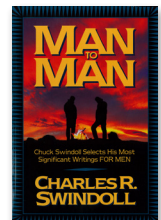
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LIFE LESSONS JUST FOR MEN  
A VOTE IN FAVOR OF FATHERHOOD  
SELECTED SCRIPTURES



### The Heart of the Matter

We live in a generation that portrays fathers as idiotic and unnecessary, blaming them for all our hang-ups and foibles. Without question, fathers are imperfect. But no matter how “average” they may be, fathers deserve respect. So, here’s to you, dear old dad—we vote in your favor.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. Cast a Vote in Favor of a Father’s Role

Dads may fill many roles, but the roles of provider, maintainer, and instructor are certainly worthy of our vote of respect.

#### 2. Cast a Vote in Favor of a Father’s Relationships

Loving the mother of your children and loving the children of your wife are two ways to “stuff the ballot box” in your favor.



### Starting Your Journey

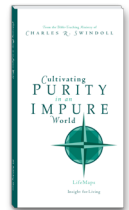
Every dad makes mistakes, but almost all fathers have also left lasting benefits. Maybe it’s time we stop pointing fingers at fathers and applaud them instead. Maybe it’s time to call our dads and say, “Thanks for being my dad.”



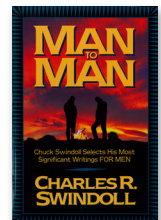
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LIFE LESSONS JUST FOR MEN  
SIX TEMPTATIONS FATHERS FACE  
JAMES 1:5-22



## The Heart of the Matter

Facing temptation is part of the Christian life, and until the Lord returns we cannot escape it. The temptations fathers face are not greater than those faced by other followers of Christ, but the realization that we have sons and daughters watching us, learning from us, and depending on us intensifies both the battle itself and our commitment to overcome temptation.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Material Pursuits

We're tempted to let toys take the place of time.

### 2. Emotional Energy

We're tempted to save the best for the workplace and give our families the leftovers.

### 3. Verbal Messages

We're tempted to lecture rather than earn the right to be respected by first listening and learning.

### 4. Personal Desire

We're tempted to be perfect and expect perfection from our children.

### 5. Sexual Drive

We're tempted to seek intimate satisfaction outside of marriage.

### 6. Spiritual Legacy

We're tempted to underestimate the importance of cultivating a spiritual appetite in our children.



## Starting Your Journey

How successful are you in facing these temptations? If you want an honest answer, ask your wife. She'll jump at the chance to help you become a better man, husband, and father.



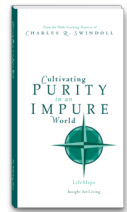
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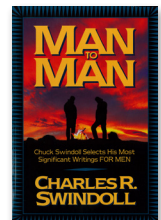
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