



Full-Time Christian Men

NorthRidge Church

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Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. – 1 Corinthians 16:13 (ESV)

Life is likened to _____ ... Paul uses 4 military terms.

Four terms are all _____.

This is a call to put some things into _____
and is a _____.

Four commands that require dependence on the Holy Spirit to obey

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

What Does it Mean to Act Like the Man God has Called You to Be?

1. You are the same Monday-Saturday as you are on _____.
Cf. Colossians 3:23-24
2. You are growing in your relationship with _____.
Cf. I Cor. 3:1; I Cor. 13:11; Col. 2:6-7; 2 Peter 3:18
3. You are growing in your relationship with your _____.
Cf. Gen. 2:18; Prov. 18:22, 31:10; Eph. 5:23-30; Col. 3:18-19
4. You are growing in your relationship with your _____.
Cf. Ps. 127:3; Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21

My Application ...

Men, God has called you to do these three things for which you are accountable and only you can do. You must develop and protect your relationship with _____, you must develop and protect your relationship with your _____, and you must develop and protect your relationship with your _____. What are you doing intentionally to be that man?

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

WORSHIP and the ROLE OF MUSIC

“Rise up, O Lord, in all Your power. With music and singing we celebrate Your mighty acts.”—Ps. 21:13

- **Music—A Response to God’s Power ...**
God’s power demands a response—and music is often the most immediate and heartfelt way to offer it. See Ps. 149!
- **Music—A Tool for Teaching and Remembering**
In Deuteronomy 31, God instructs Moses to write down a song and teach it to the people of Israel so they won’t forget His words. Music has always been a powerful tool for memorizing truth. See Ps. 119!
- **Music—Spiritual Warfare**
When King Jehoshaphat faced a vast enemy, God instructed him to send the musicians ahead of the soldiers (2 Chron. 20). As they sang, God confused the enemy and brought victory. Music can disarm darkness, stir faith, and release joy. Worship is warfare! See Ps. 91!
- **Music and the Heart of the Worshiper**
Music isn’t just about the sound—it’s about the heart. God isn’t impressed if our hearts are far from Him. When music flows from a heart of love and awe, it is a sweet offering to the Lord. David was called a man after God’s heart—and he was a musician. His psalms show us raw honesty, deep worship, and vibrant faith. That’s what God is looking for. See MOST of the Psalms! BEFORE: For in the days of David and Asaph there were leaders of the singers, songs of praise and songs of thanksgiving to God. Nehemiah 12:46, NASB

NOW: We have worship leaders and praise teams. Please pray...

- For our times of worship...that they be all God purposes them to be and that we come prepared to worship.
- For the interim worship leader, Josh Tackett.
- For the praise teams.
- For the search team to find the one God has prepared for us.
- For the worship leader God is preparing to come to NR.

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Four terms are all **PRESENT IMPERATIVES**.

This is a call to put some things into **PRACTICE IMMEDIATELY** and is a **LIFELONG COMMITMENT**.

Four commands that require dependence on the Holy Spirit to obey

- **WAKE UP**
- **STAND UP**
- **GROW UP**
- **PRAY UP**

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2. You are growing in your relationship with **GOD**.
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