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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN MAN LOOK LIKE?

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Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A MAN
WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN MAN LOOK LIKE?

If you ask the world, they will have their answer.

In fact every year TIME magazine has their selection of the MAN of YEAR.

But how did they get from being a man to being a Christian man?

What does a Christian man do that makes him different?

What about his personal individuality & Christian conformity?

Mommy, where do Christian men come from?

Colossians 1:9-14

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

Far too many people have a view that a Christian Man is some knuckle-dragging, country bumpkin, dope, dressed in black.

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A MAN

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN MAN LOOK LIKE?

1.) The Christian man Stands Up

**The Christian Man is to “Stand Up”
the Christian man is to be engaged in “Radical Change.”**

**A Christian Man Becomes...
a leader, a captain, a visionary**

a Christian man is “a change agent.”

Joshua 24:14-15

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! :15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”**

Guys, Being a Christian is Before Anything & Everything.
(But you have to know what being a Christian means)

But How Does That Happen?

(Hiding Behind Your “Personality” Doesn’t Count)

Matthew 28:19a

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,

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2.) The Christian Man Stands Out

**The Christian Man is to “Stand Out”
The Christian man is to be known for “His Character”**

A title or calling should always follow the man rather than the man following after the title or calling.

Acts 6:1-3

Now in those days, when *the number* of the disciples was multiplying, *there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.* :2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. :3 Therefore, brethren, **seek out from among you** seven men of **good reputation**, full of the **Holy Spirit** and **wisdom**, whom we may appoint over this business;

A Christian Man Becomes...
a man known to others as a man of morals

a Christian man is "a respected man"

But How Does That Happen?

(Hiding Behind Your "Personality" Doesn't Count)

Daniel 6:10-11

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. :11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

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3.) The Christian Man Stands In

The Christian Man is to "Stand In"
the Christian man is to be "The Servant of All"

Mark 10:44-45

And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. :45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,

A Christian Man Becomes...
a doer, a sender, a goer, a "whatever" you need

A Christian Man Will Not Be Seen With His Hands in His Pockets Watching the Woman Carrying the Sand Bags.

But How Does That Happen ?

Willingness Isaiah 6:8 Obedience

Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here *am* ! Send me."

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4.) The Christian Man Stands Down

The Christian Man is to "Stand Down"
The Christian man is to be a "Humble man"

John 13:12-17

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? :13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. :16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. :17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

A Christian Man Becomes...
humble, obedient, submissive, yielding

But How Does That Happen ?

Find Out What a "**Foot Washing**" Looks Like to Your Wife, Your Dad, Your Girlfriend or Buddies...

"Be Nice"

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WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN MAN LOOK LIKE?

5.) The Christian Man Stands With

The Christian Man is to "Stand With"
the Christian man gets on the "Right side of issues"

1 Samuel 17:26b-32,48-51a

...For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"... :32 Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."... :48 So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hurried and ran toward the army the Philistine. 49 Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. :51 Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

**A Christian Man Becomes...
a pillar, a rallying point, a patriot**

But How Does That Happen ?

Men -open your eyes to the culture you're living in.
Brothers - we have **cultural giants** killing your children
with a liberal, godless worldview everywhere

"I have no respect for "Armchair - Christianity" or "Spectator - Christians" - - have you ever heard a greater oxymoron?

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6.) The Christian Man Stands Without

The Christian Man is to "Stand Without"
The Christian man is to be "A blameless man"

Luke 6:22-23

Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And **revile you**, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. :23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Irreproachable

meaning, he may and will be accused but the accusations have nowhere to land.

**A Christian Man Becomes...
a witness, a voice, salt**

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7.) The Christian Man Stands Firm

The Christian Man is to “Stand Firm”
The Christian man is to “Never give up”

A Christian Man Becomes...
an image, a picture, a lighthouse of hope

2 Timothy 2:2-3

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these ***to faithful men*** who will be able to ***teach others also***. :3 You therefore must **suffer hardship** (life, people, situations, difficulties) as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

But How Does That Happen ?

Ephesians 6:12-14a

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore... ***play army !!!***

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8.) The Christian Man Stands Fast

The Christian Man is to “Stand Fast”
The Christian man is to “Endure”

A Christian Man Becomes...
a fighter, a contender, a warrior

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Are they [ministering] servants of Christ (the Messiah)? I am talking like one beside himself, [but] I am more, with far more extensive *and* abundant labors, with far more imprisonments, [beaten] with countless stripes, and frequently [at the point of] death. :24 Five times I received from [the hands of] the Jews forty [lashes all] but one; :25 Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a [whole] night and a day I have spent [adrift] on the deep; :26 Many times on journeys, [exposed to] perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from [my own] nation, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils in the sea, perils from those posing as believers [but destitute of Christian knowledge and piety]; :27 In toil and hardship, watching often [through sleepless nights], in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure *and* lack of clothing. :28 And besides those things that are without, there is the daily [inescapable pressure] of my care *and* anxiety for all the churches!

But How Does That Happen ?

Matthew 24:13

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

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9.) The Christian Man Stands On

The Christian Man is to “Stand On”
The Christian man is to be a “Man of the Word”

A Christian Man Becomes...
a listener, a reader, a doer

But How Does That Happen?

James 1:25

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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10.) The Christian Man Stands Now

The Christian Man is to “Stand Now”
The Christian man is to be “Ready at all Times”

To Stand Against “What” Stands Against What’s Godly

Hebrews 12:3-4

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. :4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

A Christian Man Becomes...
Involved, he must shine God’s light into his world.

But How Does That Happen ?

We stop talking about being a Christian...

James 2:17-18

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. **:18** But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Matthew 7:19-25

Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **:20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **:22** Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?" **:23** And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" **:24** "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **:25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

**I NEED THE MEN TO LISTEN UP.
IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT FOLLOWING
JESUS CHRIST TO THE END...**

End of Study