



MESSAGE 4: LIVING AS A KINGDOM MAN **MAN UP**

SUGGESTED PASSAGE: Psalm 128:1-6

"How blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed. Who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. Indeed, may you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel!"

MESSAGE GOAL: The path to a better world begins with you. The aim of this message is to incorporate the previous messages' focus on what it means to be a kingdom man, what greatness God has instilled within you, and how you are to walk in faith to claim that. Now you move into encouraging the Christian men, women, and families within the congregation to lead, submit, and function under the headship of God and leadership of kingdom fathers.

SERMON IDEAS:

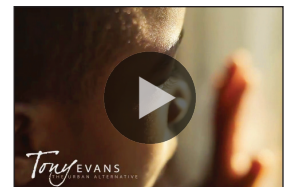
- Refresh the congregation on the issues and points addressed throughout the previous weeks.
- Look at the major issues within a marriage; intimacy, finances, parenting and careers. Outline the responsibilities within the Christian family in order to lead the discussion into arming the congregation with kingdom men and women.
- Fear of God is a misunderstood and often scary thing to understand. Review a biblical understanding of fearing God; how to live under His authority so that you can live with authority.

INTRODUCTION: If you're a messed-up man, you're going to contribute to a messed-up family. If you're a messed-up family, you're going to contribute to a messed-up church. If you're a messed-up church, you're going to contribute to a messed-up community. A messed-up community adds to a messed-up state, which leads to a messed-up country resulting in a broken world.

The only way to remedy a broken world is to build it with better countries composed of better states filled with better communities influencing better churches attended by stronger families led by better men. It starts with you.

Only through the transformation from good to great can a man truly realize God's intended plan for his life. Psalm 128 clearly outlines the path from normalcy to extraordinary, from mediocre to amazing, and from good to GREAT. It begins with integrity, "how happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways." Integrity is the beginning of understanding the four major spheres of life: personal, family, church, and community. A man who has the integrity to fear and serve God will see and experience the transformation from good to great. This is the anthem of a kingdom man.

VIDEO OPTION: "A Kingdom Father"; developing the role and purpose of a father within the family and kingdom of God.



The daily life of a kingdom man is lived with integrity and filled with the fear of the Lord. However this can only be actualized and experienced through obedience to His laws, statutes, and grace, which has been bestowed upon you through His Word. This doesn't require continual fasting, prayer without literal ceasing, or the casting of lots for which one of your bowling friends will become high priest. However it does mean that we obey the commands Christ called us to: "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of Me will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

POINT #1: Seek first fear of the Lord: Psalm 128 – A kingdom man lives with integrity. A kingdom man also fears the Lord.

POINT #2: Deny self for the sake of the cross: Matthew 16:24-25 – Kingdom men are in a constant process of transformation into the likeness of Christ.

POINT #3: True blessing is a mark from God not only for you but to flow through you: Genesis 12:1-3 – There's a disconnect in God's kingdom system of blessing when men think blessings stop with them.

POINT #4: Kingdom men only begin with themselves: Galatians 3:6-9 – A kingdom man begins with himself, however the true transformation begins when he transfers that blessing to others.

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 it is *our* problem.

