

A. The Opportunity.

- **Our Culture Desperately Needs Godly Men.**
- **Equipping men to pray and act is a strategic kingdom priority.**
- **Within men is the DNA of revolutionary impact.**

Men in Society

- **Broken Homes:** “As the father goes, so goes the family, and so goes the nation.” Woman is the heart of the home; if her heart is broken, so is the family.
- **Negative Impact:** Almost every **negative aspect of our culture** can be traced to *either something men are doing or something men aren’t doing.* (Ex. Pornography, human trafficking, abortion, fatherlessness, divorce, greed, selfishness, etc.)
- **Isolation:** Men often define themselves by **what we do, who we are, and what we own.** Men can have lots of acquaintances but may be isolated (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)
- **Health and Substance Abuse:** Men are committing suicide at **4 times** the rate of women. More than **66% of all alcoholics are men, 50% more men use illicit drugs than women.** Men represent **90% of alcohol and drug arrests, more than 80% of homeless.** Stress-related **heart disease and cancer** remain very high among men. Life expectancy is **10% shorter** than women.
- **Arrests:** Men: **90% of drug abuse, 88% of drunk driving, 90% serious crimes arrests.** 70% of those who fail one or more grades in school, 80% of juvenile crimes, 75% of suicides, and 75% of people in mental institutions.⁴

The Need

B. Godly Culture, Leadership and Equipping to Know and Follow God’s Will.

1. Culture: Leaders Create and Maintain a Godly Culture.

To have godly men, organizations must have **leaders who create a godly culture.**

2. Leadership: Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to Have a Godly Culture.

Every Leader a **Praying Leader** and Every Leader a **Prayer Advocate.** (Page 3)

3. Equipping: Leaders provide a discipleship process so that every man can be a fully-developed godly disciple.

Organizations with godly leaders and godly men have the spiritual “readiness” to know and follow God’s will.

“House of Prayer” Church Equipping “Fully-Developed” Praying Disciples

Personal	Corporate
<p>Personal Prayer</p> <p>Love for God and self</p> <p><i>Enjoying asking and seeking God’s will for me, as His friend</i></p>	<p>Corporate Prayer</p> <p>Love for God, His People and others</p> <p><i>Enjoying asking and seeking God’s will for others together</i></p>
<p>Personal Intercession</p> <p>Love for God and others</p> <p><i>Enjoying asking and seeking God’s will for me and others</i></p>	<p>Corporate Intercession</p> <p>Love for God, His People and others</p> <p><i>Enjoying asking and seeking God’s will for us and others together</i></p>

Culture

C. Leaders Create and Maintain a Culture of Godly Service in Their Organization.

Culture: (n) Set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that identify an institution or organization, (v): to subject to culture; cultivate.

Cultivate: To produce by culture. To promote or improve growth by labor and attention.

Describe your vision for godly service in your organization: _____

People who do not pray will always be disoriented to the activity of God”

Pastor Mel Blackaby

Leadership

D. Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to Have a Godly Culture.

1. Leaders Lead Men with an Understanding of the “Male Context.”

Male Context²

- a. **Men follow men. Men need male leadership.**
- b. **Men will not lead** in areas where they do not feel equipped and competent.
- c. **Men are looking for men who will lead them to greatness. Men need vision and purpose.**
- d. **Men respond positively to being disciplined.**
- e. **Men are visual and want to conquer territory. Give men a good target to focus on and work towards, Something to accomplish, to be overcome.**
- f. **Invite men to where we want to see God work and see the impact of their prayers and labor.**

2. Leadership: Men Need Male Leadership.

- a. **“Whenever God calls His people to Himself, He uses His leaders.”** Henry Blackaby
- b. **Leadership is required to keep prayer and evangelism on task.** Rick Shepherd
- c. **“Everything rises and falls on leadership.”** John Maxwell
- d. **The “goal of leadership is to produce more leaders.”** Ralph Nader

3. God Calls Leaders First: Has He or Is He Calling You to be a “Leader of Men”?

- **Have you been disciplined in godly service? Could you disciple men to become godly men?**
- **Do you need to be disciplined in order to grow as a leader of godly men?**

Leadership

D. Leaders Model and Lead Their Organizations to Have a Godly Culture. (con’t)

4. Leaders Value Men in the Church – And Greater Community. ¹

- ▶ When husband/dad is first to connect to a faith community, 93% of families follow.
- ▶ When wife/mom is first to connect to a faith community, 22% of the families follow.
- ▶ When child is first to connect to a faith community, 3.5% of the families follow.

5. Leaders Engage the “Warrior Spirit” in Men *Born to Be A Warrior*, Commander John R. “Barney” Barnes)

“Warrior Spirit: The passionate desire and determination in the heart of a man to prepare and perfect himself for the stance against evil in the service of others.”

6. Every Leader a Praying Leader and Every Leader a Prayer Advocate.

A Prayer Advocate is a catalyst for prayer wherever they go. We invite every leader to strive to be a Prayer Advocate.

- Prayer Advocates pray, preach, teach, and disciple in prayer.
- Prayer Advocates promote prayer, participate in prayer, provides places of prayer, and produce prayer requests that would make a difference if God were to answer.

7. Leaders Call Men to Prayer and Spiritual Activity!

Nehemiah 4:20 says, “Wherever you hear the trumpet sound, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us!”

Leaders call God’s men to spiritual battle for our families, communities and nation. Question to be asked and answered:

What are leaders calling men to do? What battles must we fight together?

Leadership Goal: Leading men to obey God’s word, growing as godly men who lead God’s people to be the “House of Prayer” that Jesus desires. Matthew 21:13

Equipping

E. Leaders Provide Equipping so every man can be a fully-developed praying disciple.

1. Leaders Equip Men for Godly Service. John 15:7, 1 Timothy 2:8, Daniel 11:32.

a. Leaders lead men to a vital connection with God through His Word. John 15:7

“If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.”

John 15:7 AMP

b. Leaders disciple men to take godly service to the places where we want to see God work. God’s desire is to see God’s men on mission with Him in every place.

“Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger and disputing or quarreling or doubt [in their mind].” 1 Timothy 2:8 AMP

c. Men who know their God will be strong and do great exploits. Daniel 11:32b

“But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”
Daniel 11:32 NKJV

- Knowing God and being strong come from God-centered prayer and connection.
- Carrying out great exploits comes from being empowered by the Holy Spirit and working together in the Body of Christ.

2. Leaders Equip Men to Serve the Lord in “Their” Mission Field.

Men are called to impact the culture where God places them. For most men their primary calling takes place outside the walls of the local church.

Church and ministry leaders have the privilege of equipping, blessing, and sending men into “their” mission field, leading them to disciple and lead other men to be effective kingdom men.

Equipping men to serve the Lord in “their” mission field will be different for each man – depending on where God calls them to serve.

The “3 Sectors of a Community” diagram describes the potential impact godly men can have on the community.

3 Sectors of a Community



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3. Action Steps: Repairing Our Part of the Wall

God gave Nehemiah an effective strategy for rebuilding “broken down” walls in his city.
“Each one repaired the section [of the wall] immediately across from his own house.”
 Nehemiah 3:28 NLT

Leaders can serve God by discipling men, preparing them to be “on mission” with God to repair walls of the communities near them.

NOTES

References

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⁴*M.A.N Ministries, “The Crisis in American Males,” Photocopy from “Fight on Your Knees,”*
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Appendix A - Application

1. Creating a Prayer Culture.

Who creates and/or maintains culture within your organization? _____

Your organization’s mission: _____

How could a culture of prayer help your organization please God and fulfill its mission?

Leaders can seek the Lord in His Word and Prayer to determine ways to equip and deploy godly men to achieve their organization’s mission. Key scripture passages to guide you:

2. Leadership. Needed: Equipped and Deployed “Leaders of Men”.

a. God Calls Leaders First: Has He or Is He Calling You to be a “Leader of Men”?

- Have you been disciplined in godly service? Could you disciple men to become godly men?
- Do I/we need to be disciplined in order to grow as leaders of godly men?
- Do I/we value men in the church and community?

b. Every Leader a Praying Leader and Every Leader a Prayer Advocate.

- Am I/we Praying Leaders? Am I/we Prayer Advocates? Do I/we need to be disciplined in prayer?

c. Leaders Call God’s People to Prayer and Spiritual Activity!

- Are leaders calling men to Prayer and Spiritual Activity?
- What are leaders calling and rallying men to do?
- Which battles is God calling us to fight together?

d. Leading men to repair THEIR part of the wall.

- Are we leading men to repair THEIR part of the wall? What is THEIR part of the wall?
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- What is God inviting us to do to repair OUR part of the wall? Who is God calling to join me/us in repairing OUR part of the wall? _____