

Becoming a New Man

WARM UP

"My name is Dean. I am 37 years of age, and a single guy...Thanks to my brother, who is a true man of God - [he] has been writing my name on one of those [Promise Keepers prayer] fish for seven years now. All his and your prayers were answered on Saturday night at Promise Keepers. Because I went forward and gave my heart to the Lord. After years of personal issues and battles with God I was finally able to surrender to Him and say, 'take me Holy Spirit and fill me with your love'.

I come from a Christian background, upbringing. But I chose a life of drugs, violence, alcohol, pornography, and sexual identity. I have just come out of an eleven year relationship with a guy. I have also been suffering from an illness which has eventually cost me everything I had. I believe that God wanted me to hit rock bottom to make me finally sit up and take note of Him, because nothing else was working.

I went to my brother's church on the Sunday morning and experienced an amazing encounter with God. In the last three days the power of His healing hands on me has been incredible. If this is how fast He works when you just say, 'take me Lord, I believe in you!!' then I am so excited. I have a long way to go in learning His precious Word, but believe He will help me learn quicker." Dean



BACKGROUND

Paul appeals to his converts to leave their old way of life and turn to Christ's way. He says we are darkened because of ignorance. Many men walk in ignorance as we are drawn into lives that involve drugs, violence, alcohol abuse, pornography, and inappropriate sex. As men we need to be able to distinguish between a right way of life and a wrong way of life.

READ Ephesians 4:17-31

QUESTIONS

1. We are told we are blinded by sin. Why does sin blind us?
2. People should see the difference between men who follow Christ and those who are in the dark. What are some of these differences?

3. Share with the group the difference Christ has made to your life.
4. What are some of the things we need to put in place to help us live as Christian men?

IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

1. What changes must I make to become a better Christian man?
2. How can my brothers in Christ help me on my journey?

CONSIDER THIS

- Christianity is ranked as the largest religion in the world today with approximately 2 billion adherents.
- In the unevangelised world, there are 20,500 full-time Christian workers and 10,200 foreign missionaries.
- In the evangelised non-Christian world, there are 1.31 million full-time Christian workers.
- In the Christian world, there are 306,000 foreign missionaries to other Christian lands. Also in the Christian world, 4.19 million full-time Christian workers (95%) work within the Christian world.



WRAP UP

Each man in the group share about one change they have experienced in their character because of their Christian faith.