

# God's Man on the Field

## Summer 2020 - Development Plan

Study on 10 Key Topics facing Christian Men today.

Additional teaching from The Christian Man by Pat Morley (Email [Adults@nebc.ch](mailto:Adults@nebc.ch) to request a \$5 book)

### Week 1 – Identity

- 6/1 – 2 Corinthians 5:17 – **New in Christ**
- 6/2 – 1 Peter 5:8 – **You have an Enemy**
- 6/3 – 1 Samuel 16:7 – **God knows our True-Self**
- 6/4 – Ephesians 2:10 – **Made for a Purpose**
- 6/5 – 2 Timothy 1:17 – **Citizen of Heaven today!**

Additional reading on Identity found in  
The Christian Man pgs 21-38

### Week 2 – Priorities

- 6/8 – Matthew 22:34-40 – **Love God First**
- 6/9 – Romans 13:8-10 – **Share God's Love**
- 6/10 – Ephesians 5:25-31 – **Serve your Wife**
- 6/11 – Deuteronomy 11:18-21 – **Train your Kids**
- 6/12 – Colossians 3:23-24 – **Courageous Work**

Additional reading on Life-Balance  
found in The Christian Man pgs 39-62

### Week 3 – Growth

- 6/15 – Romans 12:1-2 – **Core Transformation**
- 6/16 – Hebrews 6:1 – **Maturity in Community**
- 6/17 – Ephesians 4:11-16 – **No Longer Childish**
- 6/18 – John 15:8 – **Bearing Life-Giving Fruit**
- 6/19 – Galatians 2:20 – **Christ Living in You**

Additional reading on Growth found in  
The Christian Man pgs 63-90.

### Week 4 – Marriage

- 6/22 – Proverbs 18:22 – **Marriage is God's Gift**
- 6/23 – Genesis 2:18, 21 – **Created 4 Community**
- 6/24 – Colossians 3:19 – **Tenderness Required**
- 6/25 – 1 Corinthians 13 – **God's Love in You**
- 6/26 – James 1:19 – **Love by Listening Well**

Additional reading on Marriage found in  
The Christian Man book pgs 91-110.

### Week 5 – Children

- 6/29 – Ephesians 6:4 – **Disciple don't Dominate**
- 6/30 – Proverbs 22:6 – **Give Tools & Train Them**
- 7/1 – Psalm 78:1-7 – **Model Faith & Worship**
- 7/2 – Deuteronomy 6: 4-9 – **Be Intentional**
- 7/3 – Proverbs 17:6 – **Generational Investment**

Additional reading on Children found in  
The Christian Man book pgs 111-129.

### Week 6 – Friendships

- 7/6 – John 15:12-13 – **Self-Sacrifice is Required**
- 7/7 – John 13:35 – **Friendship displays our Faith**
- 7/8 – Proverbs 17:17 – **Overcoming Adversity**
- 7/9 – Proverbs 27:6,17 – **Made Better Together**
- 7/10 – Galatians 6:2 – **Unbreakable Community**

Additional reading on Friendships found  
in The Christian Man book pgs 131-149.

### Week 7 – Work

- 7/13 – Genesis 1:27-28 – **Work is Good!**
- 7/14 – Genesis 3:17-19 – **Sin makes work hard.**
- 7/15 – John 6:27 – **Labor in a way that Lasts**
- 7/16 – Genesis 2:3 – **Rhythm of Work & Rest**
- 7/17 – Matthew 5:37 – **Your Word Matters**

Additional reading on Work found in  
The Christian Man book pgs 151-170.

### Week 8 – Sex

- 7/20 – Genesis 2:15-25 – **Naked & Unashamed**
- 7/21 – Genesis 3:1-12 – **Sin, Shame & Blame**
- 7/22 – Matthew 5:27-28 – **Fantasy is Real Sin**
- 7/23 – 1 John 1:9 – **Confess & Be Forgiven**
- 7/24 – 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 – **Pure Passions**

Additional reading on Lust found in  
The Christian Man book pgs 171-194.

### Week 9 – Culture

- 7/27 – Jeremiah 29:7 – **Intentional Influence**
- 7/28 – Matthew 5:14-16 – **Live to Illuminate**
- 7/29 – John 17:11, 15-21 – **Jesus Prays for You**
- 7/30 – Acts 17:16-34 – **Reasonable & Respectful**
- 7/31 – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – **Our Battle Plan**

Additional reading on Culture found in  
The Christian Man book pgs 195-213.

### Week 10 – Sharing My Faith

- 8/3 – 2 Corinthians 5:2 – **Christ's Ambassador**
- 8/4 – Matthew 28:18-20 – **Authority to Disciple**
- 8/5 – Acts 1:8 – **God is At Work in Your Words**
- 8/6 – 1 Peter 3:15 – **Your Story Matters**
- 8/7 – Isaiah 55:11 – **His Word is Never Wasted!**

Additional reading on Sharing My Faith  
in The Christian Man book pgs 215-238.

## **The S.O.A.P Method:**

SOAP is an acronym that will help you read the Bible on a daily basis and apply it to your life. As a result, it helps you grow in your relationship with God.

Use the SOAP acronym to help you develop meaningful time with Jesus.

### **“S” IS FOR SCRIPTURE**

Scripture is our source for wisdom, encouragement, direction & devotion to God. It is key that we be in the word of God each day.

Take your time reading the verses/chapters of this reading guide. Don't skim it like you are reading an article online, but take your time reading it. Ask God to speak to you through the words. (You can even read it out loud if that helps). As you read, one or two verses in the chapter may capture your attention or seem to apply directly to a situation in your life. Using your journal, write that verse (or verses) down.

### **“O” IS FOR OBSERVATION**

Once you have written down the verse (or verses) that stood out to you, ask yourself what you think God was saying to you through those verses. What caught your attention? What question does it raise in your mind?

God may be asking you a question, telling you something He wants you to do, or giving you a message of encouragement.

## **“A” IS FOR APPLICATION**

Personalize what the verse is saying to you by writing down how it specifically applies to your life right now. Perhaps you need to change your attitude about a situation, apologize to someone, stop doing something that isn't Christ-like or even do something to help someone else. You will be excited to find how quickly the Bible starts to give you specific direction for your life and how you can follow Jesus. Be as specific as possible in your application. Remember, this is between you and God; no one else has to read your journal or see what you write. This is a record of your relationship with God and what He is speaking to you.

### **“P” IS FOR PRAYER**

Write out a prayer asking God to help you live out what He showed you in the verse. Pray the prayer out loud also. If you are not sure how to pray, the simplest explanation is that it is talking with God and asking Him to help you. Anything that God asks you to do, He will give you help to do it. You do not have to change on your own. God, through the power of His Holy Spirit living in you, will help you do what He asks you to do.