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Introduction

A kingdom man is a man who visibly demonstrates the comprehensive rule of God underneath the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every area of his life.

—Tony Evans, *Kingdom Man*

God has a work for you to do, noble work that is worthy of a kingdom man (Ephesians 2:10). To help prepare you for great things, each Kingdom Man devotion further develops a spiritual theme introduced by Dr. Tony Evans in the best-selling book *Kingdom Man*.

Come alongside Tony every day as he shares essential truths about male leadership and God's transforming power. The inspirational biblical principles in these pages will equip you to do good works in your home, church, and community.



A Kingdom Man Seeks Priceless Treasure

*The kingdom of heaven is like
a treasure hidden in the field . . .*

—Jesus (Matthew 13:44)

One of my favorite Indiana Jones movies is about the search for the Holy Grail. In the movie's climactic moment, the famed archaeologist is in the Grail chamber with an ancient guardian knight. Indy stands in the candlelit room, looking at the shelves filled with dozens of cups and chalices. One of the goblets is the legendary Holy Grail, the cup of Christ said to possess ultimate power. Jones must select the right one or he and his father will die.

“You must choose, but choose wisely,” says the guardian knight. “For while the true Grail will bring you life, the false Grail will take it from you.”¹

Even if you've never seen *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, you know what happens: Indy always uncovers the treasure.²

Men, you have a choice. Jesus speaks of a treasure: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field,” He said (Matthew 13:44). It’s a treasure for which absolutely nothing should stand in the way. In eschatological terms, the kingdom refers to the millennial reign of Christ when He will return to run earth from Jerusalem for His thousand-year reign. Yet in the here and now, the kingdom has also been set up for us through kingdom principles, covenants, responsibilities, privileges, rights, rules, ethics, coverings, and authority. This is a priceless treasure, one worth everything you have. Choose wisely.

APPLICATION

1. Who is your favorite movie character? What about him inspires you?
2. How would your current life play out on the big screen?
3. What treasure will you fight for today? How?

PRAYER

God, give me a vision of Your kingdom and the strength to pursue it like a treasure hunter. Amen.



A Kingdom Man Aims for the Goal

Failure is not fatal, but failure to change might be.

—John Wooden, *Wooden: A Lifetime of Observations
and Reflections On and Off the Court*

My son Jonathan is a big guy who has played in the NFL. When he was young and five-foot-three, he asked me to come to the gym and watch him dunk the basketball. He had been practicing for months. Jonathan dribbled and dunked. I offered abbreviated congratulations. Then I turned to the athletic director and pointedly told him to raise the basket back up to where it belonged. Impatient to grow taller, Jonathan had lowered the goal.

Men, God has a standard. He has a goal. His kingdom is that goal. Yet so many have lowered His standard only to congratulate themselves for being able to dunk the ball. The results of this lowered standard, though, affect us all. It shows up in our country. In our culture. In the economics of our world. It takes only a cursory glance

around our homes, churches, communities, and globe to uncover that many men have missed the goal to live as kingdom men.

That must change.

The apostle Paul said, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win” (1 Corinthians 9:24). We must run to win. We must raise the standard to where God originally placed it. We must define manhood as God intended it to be.

APPLICATION

1. In what areas of your life have you lowered the goal?
2. Are there any pursuits or possessions that have distracted you from the standard of God’s kingdom?
3. What scripture can serve as your reminder to pursue God’s kingdom today?

PRAYER

God, today I commit to pursue Your goal, Your standard, Your kingdom. Refocus my vision and strengthen my determination. Amen.



A Kingdom Man

*The difference between a successful person
and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack
of knowledge, but rather a lack of will.*

—Vince Lombardi,
What It Takes to Be Number One

American life changed permanently on September 11, 2001. Terrorists hijacked jetliners and turned them into missiles, destroying New York City's Twin Towers, damaging the Pentagon, and killing thousands. The War on Terror began. In the aftermath, Arizona Cardinals safety Pat Tillman gave up a \$3.6 million contract and enlisted in the Army to serve his country. He couldn't enjoy the spoils of freedom while others did the dirty work to preserve it. His sense of honor and ethics compelled him. Unfortunately Tillman's decision cost him his life. He was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan.¹

Men, God's kingdom will cost you your life. Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matthew

16:25). A kingdom man understands that God never said a godly life would be easy; He just said it would be worth it. A kingdom man zeros in on one purpose only—advancing the kingdom for the betterment of those within it, which glorifies the King. He pursues this at whatever personal cost.

Anyone who has fought in war or battled on an athletic field knows that victory does not come just because you want it. Victory is earned only through sweat, guts, and blood, and sheer determination. It comes to those who know that purpose is far greater than pain.

APPLICATION

1. How would you describe your purpose?
2. What action can you take today to better the lives of those around you?
3. What steps can you take today to persevere in the battle?

PRAYER

*God, forgive me when my body and spirit grow weak.
Fill me with perseverance, no matter how great the pain.
Amen.*