

Paramount Men's Discipleship Night

December 9, 2020 - 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

- Zoom: Host and Co-Host, Rush and Jon V.
- Please raise physical or virtual hand, if necessary. Chat to Jon if you experience connection or communication problems.
- As you participate, watch for times when we can allow/encourage others to contribute.

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REVIEW

The Gospel-Focus of Charles Spurgeon by Steven Lawson

“Will a few of you share some of the general highlights you took away?”

“Let’s think about these three questions:

1. What most surprised or intrigued you about Charles Spurgeon?
2. Note one attribute of Spurgeon which you feel impressed to emulate above the rest. Why?
3. What event in Spurgeon’s life do you see as most shaping of him as a Christian man?”

“What was the most life-impacting challenge you are taking away?”

Additional Spurgeon Reading:

The Soul-Winner

Lectures to My Students

Next Action:

Make a plan of small, forward steps.

DISCUSSION

1 Kings 2:1-4

1 As David’s time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 “I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. 3 “Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, 4 so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, ‘If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.’

“What does David reveal about real manhood in 2 Kings 2?”

David gives Solomon a charge at the end of his life: Show yourself a man.

1. Keep the Law (vs 3)
2. Carry Out the Gospel Promise of the Coming Savior (vs 4)

There is a tension here, between the burden of the Law and the freeing power of Grace (observing the Law for Solomon would include the sacrificial system).

Take Away 1: Real Men Walk in God’s Ways

We know His ways through His Word, the Bible.

Psalm 19:1-11

David is touched by the majesty of the Creator and His creation.

- 1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.
- 2 Day to day pours forth speech,
And night to night reveals knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech, nor are there words;
Their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth,
And their utterances to the end of the world.
In them He has placed a tent for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;
It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,
And its circuit to the other end of them;
And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

David is touched by the Word of God: 8 Synonyms.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.
- 10 They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
- 11 Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.

David is touched by his own sinfulness.

- 12 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.
- 13 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins;
Let them not rule over me;
Then I will be blameless,
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Take Away 2: Real Men Carry God's Gospel Promise

We know His ways through His Word, the Son.

Culture vs Christ

“What do you think our culture says about men in general?”

“In some ways, our culture is changing: effeminate men are gaining traction (meaning they are viewed more sensitive like women, which is a shift). But there is a loss of commitment to biblical relationship dynamics.”

“It shows that people cannot make adjustments while remaining consistent with truth. We need implicit attention to and trust in Jesus.”

Vignette Questions

When a man's children disobey him, what does He do? Does he get big and bad to bend them to his will? Does he wield his authority like a hammer?

When a man's wife fails him or sins against him, how does He respond? Does he retaliate with a cold shoulder or hot temper? Does he clam up or explode?

When a man happens upon a person who is weaker or at odds with him, what does he do? Does he take pounce on or ridicule weakness? Does he become an opportunist?

When a man is caught in sin, what does he say? How does he respond?

When a man is placed under an unjust authority, what does he do? How does he respond? What is his mission?

The ultimate answer to all these questions is a change of pronoun: He.

Philippians 2: 1-11

Unity

What does manly unity look like for Paramount men?

Humility

What produces humility in us as Paramount men?

Sacrifice

What key sacrifices should we be seeking as Paramount men?

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