**FOCUS** 

Godly Manhood

TITLE

Learning to Be the Man God Wants You to Be

REFERENCE

Galatians 1:6-10

FOR THE LEADER









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### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Godly young men will encounter people and situations that will try to lead them away from God's truth. God wants us to dismiss these lies and hold on to the absolute truth of the gospel.

#### THINK ABOUT IT:

- · What kinds of choices do young men face that can affect their future?
- · What kind of things lead us down paths away from
- · How can you know the truth?



### PREP

· Notes ·

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# alatians ·LESSON 3





### READ

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men. I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:6-10

There are many choices in life. Those choices can either bring you closer to God or they can lead you away from God. Sometimes, good choices can be hard to make because of the influence of others who try to pull you away. They may think that Christianity is stupid, or that you're wasting your time by doing right. There are always things and people that bring confusion into your life and try to lead you away from the truth. But, the choice to obey God's truth is always the right one.

Paul made it clear to the Galatians that the message of Jesus is the only gospel and truth. There are many young men that choose not to follow that truth. Why? Because they aren't focused on what is right and allow other things to take their attention. Many things can throw you off the track of faith in Jesus. Not all of those things are wrong, but when they take priority over following Jesus, they become wrong.

In today's world, all kinds of things can confuse us about the true gospel of Jesus. One idea is that you just need to be a good person to spend eternity with God. Don't give in to this thinking because it's a lie. Godly young men must choose to reject lies like this and share the truth that Jesus is the only way to eternal life with God.

Other people claim that it doesn't matter what you believe in because all spiritual paths have the same ending. This is also a lie. There is only one path to eternal peace and forgiveness for our sins, and that path is through Jesus. God didn't make salvation a multiple choice question where all answers are correct. Salvation through Jesus is God's plan, and Christians are His representatives to share that singular plan with others. Though other plans may seem easier or be appealing, there is only one path to an eternity with God.

The challenge for you is to choose to keep the true gospel of Jesus as a priority in your life.

Don't allow anything to take priority over your relationship with God. Become the godly man that God desires for you to be by following the teachings of the Bible and the leading of the Holy Spirit. If you can hold on to this gospel truth, God will use you to change many lives as He changes yours!

**PRAYER:** God, please help me to become more like Jesus. Give me the ability to grow into manhood mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially, according to Your plan. Bring godly men into my life to mentor me and to help me hold on to Your truth. In the name of Jesus, Amen.



## REFLECT

As a group, name some men in your church that you could pattern your life after. Discuss the godly characteristics of each of these men. Then, list some realistic things that you can do to develop these qualities in your life.



### RESPOND

As you watch movies and TV over the next week, see how many men seem to be doing what the Bible says is right. Compare that to the number of men you see portrayed that are not following God's standards.

How could patterning your life after either group help or hurt your ability to obey God's truth?

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