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# Psalm

... LESSON 3

• FOR THE LEADER

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## FOR THE LEADER

### WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Today, young men are bombarded with innumerable descriptions and definitions of what it means to be a man. Unfortunately, most of these are less than godly. In His Word, God has given us a clear plan for success when it comes to being a godly man. The question is, are we willing to measure up?

### THINK ABOUT IT:

- Does God have a blueprint for what a man of God should live like?
- How can I live to display a right representation of God?
- Are there any benefits to doing things God's way?



## PREP

- building blueprint

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· READ



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## READ

*Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellowman, who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken. Psalm 15:1–5*

What is the purpose of a blueprint? Blueprints give the builder instructions on how to successfully build a house. Can you imagine if a builder did not have a set of blueprints? Worse yet, what would happen if someone had blueprints but decided not to look at or follow them, and instead decided to build it his own way? Some people might say that real men don't follow directions, but that rarely ends well.

In Psalm 15, we are given what can be considered a set of blueprints. No, they won't tell you how to build a house, but they do give instructions on how to build your life to become a man of God. If you want to live in God's house, you must work hard to construct your life to His specifications.

So what does a man of God look like? A man of God has a foundation set in the truth of God's Word. His life is not only grounded in the truth, but he also speaks truth and lives truth wherever he goes. If you are not a truthful man, your life is built like a very shaky structure.

A man of God also frames his life with integrity. Integrity is doing the right or moral thing even when no one is watching. Integrity means living an honest and trustworthy life. A person with integrity is someone you can trust and know you will not be let down. The author of our Bible verses for today describes a godly man as someone who does what is right, someone who is generous, and one who is honest in every situation. If the frame of a house is weak, the walls will fall in. A man without integrity will see his life collapse when pressure is applied.

Finally, a man of God puts the finishing touches by how he treats those around him. How we treat others affects how others see God in us. Just like the outside condition of a home reflects the inhabitants, our outward expression and treatment of others reflect the God we serve.

There is still one question that remains. Is there a benefit to following God's blueprints for our life? The end of Psalm 15:5 answers this question by saying, "He who does these things will never be shaken." Those who choose to follow God's plan for their lives will grow to be solid men of God who will stand tall no matter what life may bring.

God has a blueprint for each and every one of us. The foundation of that blueprint is being set right now as you decide what kind of man you are going to be. Are you going to be someone that stands on the truth of God’s Word, or will you allow the words of others to dictate your life? Will you have integrity and do the right thing when no one is looking, or will you take shortcuts any chance you get? Will you treat those around you with love and respect, or will you use them for your selfish purposes? Only you can choose what kind of man you will be. But if you decide to live according to God’s blueprints, you will never be sorry, and you will never be shaken!

**PRAYER:** God, build me into the man of God You want me to be. Help me to pay attention to every detail as I follow Your instructions for my life. Give me a solid foundation of truth, make me a man of integrity, and help me accurately reflect You in the way I treat others. With Your help, I want to be a solid man of God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

**7-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN**  
 Sunday ·  
 Monday ·  
 Tuesday ·  
 Wednesday ·  
 Thursday ·  
 Friday ·  
 Saturday ·



REFLECT

As a group, look at a blueprint of a building. Find the following:

- Restrooms
- Main door(s)
- Offices
- Main water, sewer, or electric lines into the building
- Anything that was built different from the original plans

If your group has more than one patrol, make it a competition to see which patrol can find each of the items the quickest.

Discuss how these blueprints compare to God’s plans and instructions for our lives.



RESPOND

Take some time this week to read and review Psalm 15. Then, rewrite the verses in your own words. As an opening line begin with, “As I grow to be a man of God, His plan for my life includes . . .” Keep what you write in your Bible and read it from time to time as a remembrance of what God expects from you to be a man of God.

The *Fire Bible: Student Edition* provides a reading plan that follows a two-year design for reading the entire Bible. Follow that reading plan in order to earn the green Bible Reading merit.

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