

## ***Radiant Men of God***

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Matthew 5:14-16 NLT “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Three enemies men face:

1. Shame
2. Fear
3. Pride

### **Four practices of Radiant Men of God:**

#### **1. Be a man of the Word.**

Eph. 6:13-17 Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

#### **2. Be a man of prayer.**

Eph. 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

#### **3. Be a man of worship**

Ps. 149:6 Let the praises of God be in their mouths, and a sharp sword in their hands—

Ps. 34:1-5 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.

<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup> They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.

#### **4. Be a man of the Spirit.**

Eph. 5:15-20 So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. <sup>16</sup>

Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. <sup>17</sup> Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. <sup>18</sup> Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.

Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>19</sup> singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **PRACTICING THE WAY**

*As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection, but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.*

### **Start the Fresh Start Pathway with a friend.**

#### **Recite the Radiant Liturgy each morning:**

*We are the radiant people of God. We are consumed with the preeminence, purity, and beauty of the holy God who was before the beginning. He provided Redemption for us, making a way into a relationship that produces unimaginable renewal in our lives, and eventually, the world itself. So we gather to encounter His presence and be transformed into the radiant people of God. We are His apprentices and ambassadors. We are full of joy and peace and love. We are the people of God in full pursuit of the person of Jesus, the power of His presence, and actively walking in the pathway of His teachings. We long to see Him create renewal in the place we live. We are passionate about Jesus. We are radiant.*

#### **Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)**

- Read Matthew 5:14-16 . What do you notice within this passage?
- Sunday's message was about becoming a radiant man of God. What was one big idea or application you took away from the message?
- There are three enemies men (and women) face in life: shame, fear, & pride. In what ways have you had to overcome these enemies? Which of these three most often do you battle? How have you found some victory over them?
- Read Psalm 149. What can we learn from this passage?
- How have you found strength to be more radiant through God's Word?
- Read Ephesians 5:15-20. What do these verses tell us about becoming radiant?