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PERSONAL TOOLKIT

Focusing With Joshua (Avoid What God Has Cursed)

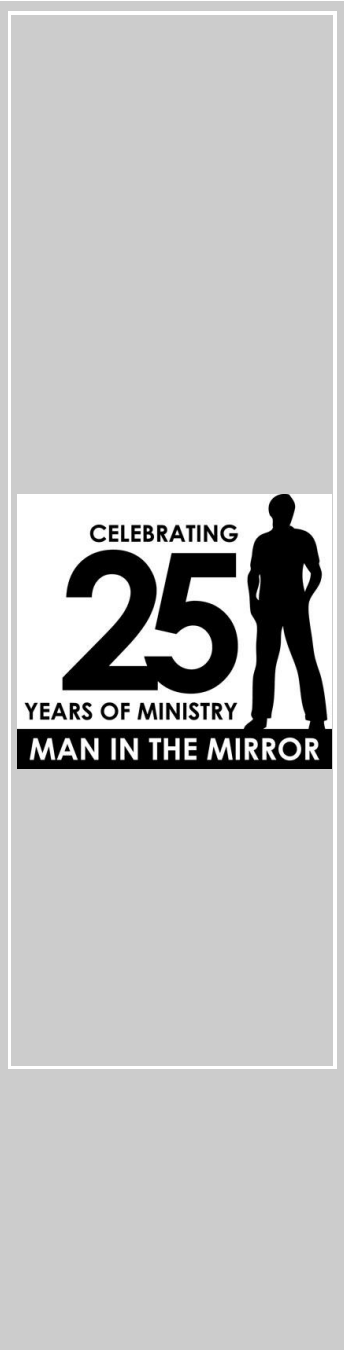
At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates. (Joshua 6:26)

When the Israelites finished crossing the Jordan, Joshua built a monument, or memorial, to commemorate the crossing. The victory at Jericho was great! The city and everything in it was completely destroyed. The action at Jericho ends with a curse, not a monument.

In reality, however, the rubble of the ancient city was a marker itself. The monuments that Joshua built, stone upon stone, mark great blessings from the Lord. The ruins of Jericho were the result of the tearing down of the walls and buildings of the city. The destroyed city is a testimony to the Lord's wrath. It was a tearing down, not a building up. It was a message to Israel as well as Canaan. God's judgment is final and complete. His wrath stands against those who live in a continuing state of rebellion against Him.

Joshua's curse is against those who seek to restore what the Lord has judged as immoral. It is against what has been destroyed and eliminated.

When the Lord destroys our strongholds, we need to give Him the credit. He did what we could not. Our testimony needs to clearly point back to the



rubble of our past and the Lord's power in rescuing and restoring us.

Looking In: Is your former stronghold a matter of the past? Have you attempted to rebuild what the Lord has cursed? Have you allowed the Lord to build a hedge of protection to keep out the attitudes or behaviors that led to the stronghold?

Looking Out: Are you helping your men to make the distinction between what the Lord curses and blesses?

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:18)

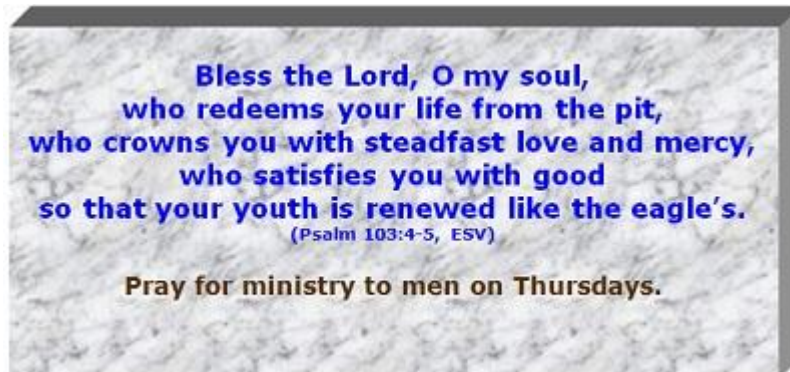
A disciple avoids that which the Lord curses.

God Is At Work!

A man struggled to live a more structured life - that was his challenge. Nothing seemed to work until he set an overarching goal of making a difference in the lives of others. Once that became his focus, other areas of his life began to fall into place.

God is always at work! What is He doing in your life?

Send your testimonies to editor@cmamen.org



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New on the Bookshelf.

***Primal: A Quest for the Lost Soul of Christianity* by Mark Batterson**



What would your Christianity look like if it was stripped down to the simplest, rawest, purest faith possible? You would have more, not less. You would have the beginning of a new reformation-in your generation, your church, your own soul. You would have *primal* Christianity. This book is an invitation to become part of a reformation movement. It is an invitation to rediscover the compassion, wonder, curiosity, and energy that turned the world upside down two thousand years ago. It is an invitation to be astonished again.

**SPECIAL
ALERT**

**OUR
GREATEST
THREAT**

is NOT an
economic crisis,
health care,
or even terrorism.

With 200 million
un-churched
Americans, we
are in a spiritual
State of Emergency.

CLICK HERE
to learn how you
can respond.



**THE STATE OF
EMERGENCY**
from Man in the Mirror

NEWS:

Tithing Declines with the Economy. A new Barna Group study reveals how the economic duress of recent years as affected Americans' charitable giving. In the study, released May 10, 77 percent attested to being personally touched by the nation's financial difficulties. About one-quarter (28 percent) indicated they have been affected in a "major way." [Read More.](#)

Man in the Mirror at 25. Pat Morley and Man in the Mirror ministry are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year. They are to be congratulated for outstanding contributions to the lives of many people- and for advancing the kingdom of God. [Read More.](#)

New on the Website:

- [2011-2012 Ministry Brochures](#) Including the 2011-2012 Ministry Brochure, Getting it Right, Getting it Right (Over Coffee), and Alliance Construction Team.
- **Discipleship 101: What is a Disciple?** An introduction to discipling begins with an understanding what it means to be a disciple ([Part I](#)). Next is an understanding of the biblical models for making a Disciple ([Part II](#)) Taken from the first of a series of workshops presented by the Southern District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Discipling Committee.

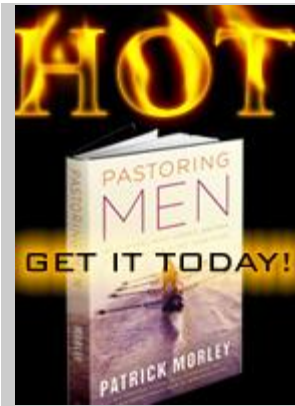
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RESOURCES

The Man Code is a first-ever compilation of four powerful messages just for men, featuring Craig Groeschel, Mark Driscoll, Patrick Morley and David Delk. These messages encourage men to Live Authentically, Love their Wives, Fight for a Cause and Rely on the Gospel. A great resource for your men to watch and share. Order this DVD in books-by-the-box by June 6 for delivery by June 16, in time for Father's Day at www.booksbythebox.org.

Seven Days in Utopia (Opens nationwide August 12). This movie follows the story of Luke Chisolm (Lucas Black), a talented young golfer set on making the pro tour. When his first big shot turns out to be a very public disaster, Luke escapes the pressures of the game and finds himself unexpectedly stranded in Utopia, Texas, home to eccentric rancher Johnny Crawford (Robert Duvall). But Johnny is more than meets the eye, and his profound ways of looking at life force Luke to question not only his past choices, but his direction for the future.

Buy *Golf's Sacred Journey*, the book the movie is based on, and plan a men's night out in August for all the men to invite their friends. Go to an early show and have a tailgate meeting in the parking lot afterwards to talk about the message of the movie. You can invite guys to your next men's event. Go to www.golfbookgiveaway.org for more information and to watch the movie trailer.



Ministry Ideas from Across the Alliance

- [District Men on the Move](#) - Ideas from ethnic and geographic districts across the Alliance.
- [Men on the Move in Our Churches](#) - Ministry to men ideas from churches across the Alliance.
- Let us know what your men are doing. editor@cmamen.org.

Equipping Leaders

(Go to [Man in the Mirror](#) for more details)

No Man Left Behind Conferences

September 23-24
[Colorado Springs, CO](#) (E)

E=Essentials

Equipping Your Men

- [2011 Iron Sharpens Iron National Men's Conferences](#) - 47 across the nation in 2011. Check for one near you.
- [Man in the Mirror Seminar Calendar](#)

Resolution One: I will live for God.
Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.
Jonathan Edwards

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