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# Maranatha Men's Training Camp

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## Life in the Balance...

5 Essential Areas of a Man's Life



### *Our VOCATIONAL Condition*

"...and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one."  
... 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

*For this Series, 3 words are important for us to learn and know...as they describe the necessary steps to moving forward in growth, dedication, and diligence...as men who understand God's Word, and are purposeful to do as it says...*

## MAIN POINT

- **Mindset:** How you think. What you believe. (How you think will have a direct effect on how you live).
- **Motivation:** That which inspires you to take what you believe and put it to action.
- **Methodology:** What you are going to do to make it happen. The committed steps and actions you are going to take to grow as a man of God and see your life changed for the better!

### Recognizing and Giving Attention to the Essential Areas of our lives...

*The strength or weakness of these essential areas will have a direct effect on your life...*

- **Spiritual** (Commitment, Faith, Relationship with Jesus)
- **Personal** (Choices, Priorities, Physical/Emotional Health)
- **Relational** (Spouse, Kids, Friends, Co-Workers)
- **Vocational** (Career, Job, Business)
- **Financial** (Budget, Finances, Viewpoint)

**Note:** Ignoring these areas of our lives will not diminish the impact of each area...they all are interconnected.

### Why we should Work...

### How we should Work...

### Where we should Work...

**Group Discussion**

**Mindset, Motivation, and Methodology of What You Believe...**

1. Can work be a Godly enterprise?
  - Is it always so or must you make it become so?
  - Are some careers more Godly than others or is there a Godliness difference between a craps table dealer and an EMT?
  
2. What should parents of so-called “boomerang” adult sons and daughters do when they “fail to launch” and need to “get a job”? (This means after completing their education they move back home and avoid work and spend all their time on gaming or social media.)
  - Should a man in his 30s be dependent on his parents?
  
3. What does the Bible say about leisure, recreation, relaxation, and vacation?
  - Did God create weekends and the 40-hour work week?
  - Is watching sports all weekend long a Godly habit? Could you make it Godly?

**Prayer**

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Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

*(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)*

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How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

*Discuss your answer with your group...*

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)