

# Men Mapping

We as men have been created for others. As in the story of Nehemiah, we learn that our first responsibility is that of a *cupbearer*. We are not created and given life to go our merry way without connecting to our purpose and our calling as men. We are God's representatives on earth of the role and image of Christ His Son. We are destined to *bear the cup* of our leaders, wives and children. We as men often try to run away from our Creator and our God assigned responsibilities, but in reality we must realize that we are only running from ourselves and from our manhood. As men our passions belong to God and He is the Creator of our desires. When we run from God, we place our passions in other people, places or things.

**When you choose to run from God where do you invest your passions?** \_\_\_\_\_

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When we as men understand that our passions are to be invested in our relationship with Christ and discover His masculinity, we begin to respond the way we were created. Once we are able to identify our misplaced passions, then we are able to do the boldest and manly thing of all, repent. Repentance is the key to deliverance from our faults sense of manhood and brought into our true masculinity - that of Christ.

It is impossible to be a cupbearer as a leader if we are drinking from our own cups, spending our passions on ourselves. This is why it is imperative to locate the areas we need to repent of.

**Take a few minutes to repent of the items listed out in the above question. Check the box that applies to you:**

- No Thank You**                       **I repented**

If you choose to repent of your misplaced passions, you can now be trained to be a cupbearer. Men are created by God to be examples of dignity. Being a cupbearer is the ultimate form of displaying the characteristics of dignity and this is not accomplished through *performing*. It is accomplished through studying the Word of God to discover the perfect model of *bearing the cup*. As men, we are *cupbearers* because it's who we are, not because of what we do or accomplish. As you study the Word, ask the Lord to live out the characteristics you discover in your reading.

**Read John chapter 10 and list the entire *cup bearing* characteristics that you find:**

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A true *cupbearer* displays the true model of manhood. Christ reveals the characters of manhood by being meek, mild and lovers of children. He is a good teacher, wise, avoided temptation, sexually pure and one who heals and restores. Take a few minutes and contemplate where you stand as a man in the listed characteristics.

**Rate yourself between one and ten on the following items:**

Characteristic	1 = Never		10 = Always							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Meek	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mild	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Lover of Children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A teacher	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Wise	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Avoid Temptation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Sexually Pure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Restores Relationships	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10