



Lion Maker

A CALL TO PERSONAL GROWTH
Maturity + Wholeness + Impact

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Colossians 1:28, 29 – The Message: *“That is the substance of our Message. We preach Christ, warning people not to add to the Message. We teach in a spirit of profound common sense so that we can bring each person to maturity. To be mature is to be basic. Christ! No more, no less. That’s what I’m working so hard at day after day, year after year, doing my best with the energy God so generously gives me.”*

II Timothy 2:1, 2 – The Message: *So, my son, throw yourself into this work for Christ. Pass on what you heard from me—the whole congregation saying Amen! —to reliable leaders who are competent to teach others.*

II Samuel 23:39 – “... thirty-seven in all.”

LION MAKER – LIONS ROAR!

Luke 2:52 & Matthew 28:18-20

LION MAKER – BE A DISCIPLE

1. Physical Checklist:

1. Enough sleep.
2. Regular exercise.
3. Reduce sugar.
4. Eliminate unnecessary meds.
5. Healthy diet.

2. Emotional Checklist:

1. Stress reduction.
2. Practice forgiveness.
3. Daily focus on gratitude.
4. Learn therapeutic deep breathing.
5. Seek counseling for intrusive thoughts or emotions.

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3. Social/Relational Checklist:

1. Finding emotionally safe friends.
2. Setting priorities for career.
3. Strengthening communication skills in family & workplace.
4. Developing a plan for responsible financial management.
5. Choosing involvement in community.

4. Spiritual Checklist:

1. Clarify your values.
2. Discover your purpose.
3. Evaluate your connection to God – developing an intimate walk with God.
4. Set specific guidelines to help you grow.
5. Define the legacy you would like to leave.

LION MAKER – GO MAKE DISCIPLES – BUILD THE KINGDOM!

I borrow words from Pastor Rick Warren, founder of Saddleback Church.

A Kingdom Builder is someone who has:

- 1. PURPOSE → A great purpose to live for.** I have the greatest purpose of all—to rescue men and women that God brings my way for eternity through Jesus. I want to see holiness and wholeness in everyone with whom I get to sit.
- 2. PRINCIPLES → Great principles to live by.** As a Kingdom Builder, I have a source from which to draw wisdom—God’s eternal truth revealed in the Bible. I value the mentors and coaches that have pointed me to the wisdom in God’s word that allows me to have a deep reservoir of wisdom to offer others.
- 3. POWER → Great power to live on.** As a Kingdom Builder, I have the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit who offers guidance every step of my journey. I am empowered by more than technique or some counseling intervention. By faith, I know God’s power in working in and through me.
- 4. PEOPLE → Great people to live with.** As a Kingdom Builder, I have a community of men from whom I personally gather encouragement and support and who I see caring for one another every day. It is the church at work. Men who are involved in encouraging to continue their journey toward wholeness and who call one another to be holy. That is the church.

LION MAKER: MAKE DISCIPLES – BUILD THE KINGDOM!

What keeps us from becoming Kingdom Builders?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 and **Hebrews 5:12** basically say if you are *not* maturing in **your faith** – you are just running in circles – and basically *ineffective* as a Kingdom builder.

1. **GROW UP →** Maturity is *not* talking about all the truths you know, the bible verses you have memorized, or the number of days you are at the church. Own your shortcomings and live out The Gospel in “real” time.
2. **COMMITTED →** We build kingdoms when we commit to maturing.

Think of where you can grow and mature in your relationships—because our ministry is seen through “our love for each other” (John 13:35).

ACTION: Journal This!

1. What is your intentional and deliberate plan for growth?
2. Who is your WHO? Who are you praying for, committed to help, focused on as someone you want to see grow and mature?
3. How do you need HELP in your own growth?