



# The Rock Of Manhood

**Matthew 16:13-20**  
**Matthew 7:24,28**



**Jesus is the Rock of Manhood.....**

- *In an ever changing world full of fair weather people – Jesus alone is Man’s Constant – Man’s Rock – Man’s Steadying Force upon which he may stand secure and safe.*
- *Nations Change – Government’s Change – Politics Change - Life Changes – People Change – Circumstances Change but Jesus said, “I am the Lord and I Change Not”.*

- 1> Jesus said upon this Rock, I will Build my Church & the gates of hell shall Not prevail against it:  
2> Jesus said a Wise Man Builds His House – His Life upon a Rock – Not Just a hearer but Doer!

***A Rock implies - Strength, Stability, & Firmness. A Rock provides Support.***

**Some Parallels between a Rock and Christian Men – Men Like Christ!**

**1. A Rock is \_\_\_\_\_** – Our families need us to be Sure, not double-minded or hesitant.

<u>To Be Sure Means -</u>	<u>LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>Spiritual Antonyms</u>
	<i>Confident</i>	<i>Honest</i>	<i>Double-minded</i>
	<i>Certain</i>	<i>Trustworthy</i>	<i>Doubtful</i>
	<i>Convinced</i>	<i>Reliable</i>	<i>Wavering</i>
	<i>Precise</i>	<i>Unfailing</i>	<i>Hesitant</i>
	<i>Accurate</i>	<i>Infallible</i>	<i>Questioning</i>
		<i>Truthful</i>	<i>Insecure</i>

**James 1:5-8**=> “.....For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a Double-minded man, Unstable in all his ways”.  
**Luke 9:62**=> “No Man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

***Application for Men:***

- As men we are to lead our home by pointing our family to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Before we can \_\_\_\_\_ others on the right course of action we must first be \_\_\_\_\_ persuaded.
- As leading men we are called to be a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. You See – It’s not wise to lead others where we have not yet been.

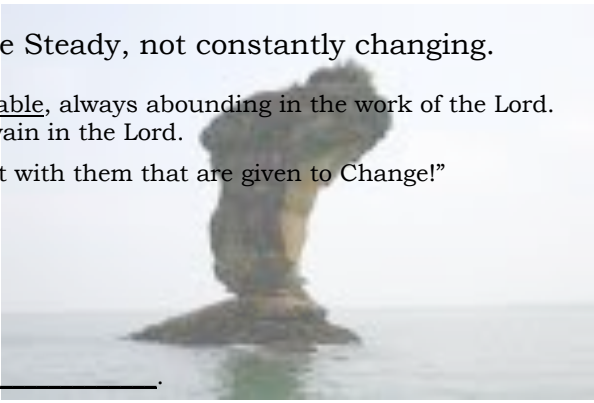
- 1 – Travel agent tells you where to go but never takes the \_\_\_\_\_ with you.  
2 – A Tour Guide, on the other hand, not only knows the way – He \_\_\_\_\_ the way and \_\_\_\_\_ the way.  
3 – **A Tour Guide**  
\* *Experiences it with you.....*  
\* *Helps you enjoy the process.....*  
\* *Enables you to interpret the sights along the way.....*  
\* *Insures that you avoid pitfalls out of sheer ignorance.....*  
\* **GETS YOU TO YOUR DESTINATION.....**

**2. A Rock is \_\_\_\_\_** – Our families need us to be Steady, not constantly changing.

**I Cor 15:58**=> Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. For as much as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.  
**Pr 24:21**=> “My Son, Fear thou the Lord and the King; & meddle not with them that are given to Change!”

**Areas where men should not be “Given to Change”.**

1. Men should be \_\_\_\_\_ strong. Not moody.
2. Men’s \_\_\_\_\_ should not change.
3. Men should love \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Men should be \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Men should uphold \_\_\_\_\_ and stay true to their \_\_\_\_\_.



**Thomas Paine, the American Revolutionary Patriot – Said This.....**

*“I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.”.....*

**The Spiritual Value of Convictions are like:**

- 1> \_\_\_\_\_ - During difficult times they hold everything together.
- 2> A \_\_\_\_\_ - They provide stability to stand tall and grow.
- 3> A \_\_\_\_\_ - They set the standard for performance.
- 4> A \_\_\_\_\_ - They provide direction when times are confusing.
- 5> A \_\_\_\_\_ - They attract like people to them.



*“In Germany, the Nazis came first for the Communists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn’t speak up because I wasn’t a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn’t speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me --- and by that time no one was left to speak up.”.... --- Martin Niemoller*

**Abraham Lincoln** – *“When I lay down the reins of this administration, I want to have one friend left. And that friend is inside myself.”*

**3. A Rock is \_\_\_\_\_ – The World Needs Strong Men – Our Country Needs Strong Men – Our Church Needs Strong Men - Marriages Need Strong Men – our Families need Strong Men!**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. – Said This.....**

*“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.”...*

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID

**I Cor 16:13-14**=> Watch, stand fast in the faith be Brave, Be Strong, and Let all that you do be done in Love!

**Champions are not made in the ring – They are merely recognized in the ring. They are made through the grit, grind, and discipline of regimented training.**

**The Diet & Training of a Strong Man:**

- Strong Man is Born of God.....I John 4:4 & I Jn 5:4-5
- Strong Man is Strengthened by his Relationships.....Pr 11:14 & Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
- Strong Man is a Wise Man.....Pr 24:5 & Mt 7:24-27
- Strong Man is a Word Man.....Josh 1:8 & I Jn 2:14
- Strong Man Waits on the Lord.....Is 40:28-31
- Strong Man Supports the Weak Man.....Rom 15:1
- Strong Man Wears his Armor.....Eph 6:17
- Strong Man Exercises his Authority.....Luke 10:17-20
- Strong Man Speaks Faith.....II Cor 4:14 & Philemon 4-7
- Strong Man is a Sower not a Sucker.....Pr 30:15 & I Cor 16:13-14
- Strong Man is an Intimate Man with God.....Dan 11:32
- Strong Man Keeps Spiritual Watch over his Life & Palace.....Pr 16:32,25:28 & Luke 11:21
- Strong Man Knows his Weaknesses.....II Cor 12:9-10 & James 4:6-10 & II Tim 2:1
- Strong Man is a Man full of Joy & Rejoicing.....Nehemiah 8:10 & Rom 4:20 & I Peter 1:8

**4. A Rock Gives \_\_\_\_\_ – The growth and future of our families is founded upon our support.**

**I Peter 3:7**=> *“Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the Weaker Vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”*

**I Thes 2:11-12**=> *“As you know how we Exhorted, Comforted, and Charged every one of you, as a father does his own children to have a walk worthy of God who calls you into His Own Kingdom and Glory.”*

**Matthew 20:28**=> *“I have not come to Be Served but To Serve & to Give My Life as a Ransom for many.”*

### Areas a Strong Man's Support is Needed:

- A Strong Man Supports when he \_\_\_\_\_ in others.
- A Strong Man Supports when he seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ others and not be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Strong Man Supports when he \_\_\_\_\_ first before he \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Strong Man Supports when he creates an atmosphere of \_\_\_\_\_ in his home.
- A Strong Man Supports when he endeavors to keep the \_\_\_\_\_ & pursues \_\_\_\_\_ in his home.
- A Strong Man Provides behind the Scene Support by \_\_\_\_\_.....Ezekiel 22:29-30
- A Strong Man's Support never fails when he walks in God's \_\_\_\_\_.
- A Strong Man is 1<sup>st</sup> Supported by God so he can Provide Support for others – THIS IS HIS CALLING!

### **The Strong Man in the Glass**

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you King for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that guy has to say.*

*For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,  
Whose judgment upon you must pass.  
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the guy staring back from the glass.*

*He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.*

*You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,  
And think you're a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you cheated the guy in the glass.....Dale Winbrow*

### **Answers To Blanks:**

**Page One** – Sure, Promises, Persuade, Fully, Tour-Guide, Travel Agent, Journey, Shows, Goes, Steady, Emotionally, Speech, Unconditional, Optimistic, Truth, Conviction.

**Page Two** – Glue, Foundation, Ruler, Compass, Magnet, Strong, Support, Mind-The-Gold, Serve, Served, Listens, Speaks, Trust, Unity, Peace, Prayer, Love.

### **Excerpt From Napoleon Hill – Think and Grow Rich – And The Law of Success:**

#### **Important Factors of Leadership:**

1. **Unwavering Courage** - That is Based upon Self, and of One's Occupation.
  - No Follower wishes to be dominated by a leader who lacks Self-Confidence and Courage.
  - The Intelligent Follower will not be dominated by such a leader very long.
2. **Self-Control** – The man who cannot successfully lead himself cannot successfully lead others.
3. **A Keen Sense of Justice** – Without a sense of Fairness and Justice, no leader can command and retain the respect of his followers.
4. **Definiteness of Decision** – The man who wavers in his decisions shows that he is not sure of himself and cannot lead others successfully.
5. **Definiteness of Plans** – The Successful Leader must plan his work, and work his plan.
  - A leader who moves by guesswork, without practical, definite plans, is comparable to a ship without a rudder. Sooner or later he will land on the rocks.
6. **A Pleasing Personality** – No Slovenly, careless person can become a successful leader.
  - Leadership calls for respect.
  - Followers will not respect a leader who does not grade high on all of the Factors of a pleasing personality.
7. **Sympathy and Understanding** – The successful leader must be in sympathy with his followers. Moreover, he must understand them and their problems.
8. **Mastery of Detail** – Successful leadership calls for mastery of details of the leader's position.
9. **Willingness to Assume Full Responsibility:**
  - The successful leader must be willing to assume responsibility for the mistakes and the shortcomings of his followers.
  - If he tries to shift this responsibility, he will not remain the leader.
  - If one of his followers make a mistake and shows himself incompetent, the leader must consider that it is he who failed.
10. **Cooperation** – Leadership calls for power, and power calls for cooperation.