

How to Build Spiritual Giants

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"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

The Word Builds Up

The best way to build spiritual giants, is with the Word of God. Nothing is as powerful than the "two edged sword". No light is as penetrating (Ps 119); no drink is as nourishing (Ezra); no activity is more energizing; no dessert is more sweet (Ps 19); no truth is more pleasant (Prov 3) than the Word of God.

The Word Must Become Prominent

When men accept the mantle God has presented to them (as family shepherds) the Word must become the most prominent point of reference in their households. There must be daily time to read it and to rehearse memory verses.

Scripture sayings are often repeated in the household of the family shepherd. He shepherds by his words, which he has borrowed from God.

Acts 20:32 makes it clear that the Word of God has a mighty effect in three important areas of life: sanctification, evangelism and inheritance.

1. Sanctification - The Word Will Stifle the World

A faithful family shepherd makes the people in his household, people, not of the world, but of the Word.

2. Penetration - The Word Will Incite Evangelism

The Word of God ruling and reigning everyday in the household is God's prescription for reaching the world for Christ. The Word strengthens the members for ministry in powerful ways. This is what Paul meant when he said, "I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).

3. The Word Will Give You an Inheritance

Putting the Word of God at the centerpiece of your home life will have a dramatic effect on life outside the walls. J.I. Packer makes the point that the people who know their God have the following characteristics:

... have great energy for God (Daniel 11:23)

....have great thoughts of God (Daniel 2:20)

....show great boldness for God (Daniel, Acts 5:29)

....have great contentment in God (Daniel 3:16ff)

Most Christian men deeply desire to raise up heroes of faith. And, Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). The Word is central.

The importance of men taking on this role is critical to the raising up of spiritual giants.