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ROYAL KNIGHTHOOD

At one time, Christianity was a religion of Kings, Nobles, Knights, explorers, businesspeople, scientists, industrialists, leaders, Founding Fathers... but it became weak. The idea of Muscular Christianity arose to build more strength into Christianity, Christian men in particular.

Then it happened again - it became weak - and here we are again - trying to bring strength back to God's people. But those who choose safety through hiding rather than safety through strength often attack those of us who seek strength. We begin with a string of Scripture, but this isn't nearly all of them, but it gives you a good idea that God likes His people strong and capable.

Genesis 1:1: _____
In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Cain and Adam, Genesis 4:15. CCwP. ABwV. _____

Cain Cursed with Protection. Adam Blessed with Vulnerability.

Preflood Patriarchs, Genesis 6:13: TEiFwV: _____
The Earth is Filled with Violence

Abraham Genesis 14:14: Three hundred eighteen men defeat the Four Kings who had captured Lot.

Joshua 1:7, 2 Chronicles 32:7: BS&C: _____
Be Strong and Courageous

Judges: Othniel - by war. Ehud - by assassination. Shagnar - 600 with an ox goad. Deborah and Barak - assassination by a woman. Gideon - 300 vs. the Midianites. Jephthah - by war. Samson - by himself.

David's Men: 2 Samuel 23: 8-23. The followers of the giant slaying warrior king: Adino - Killed 800 at one time. Abishai - 300 with a spear. Benaiah - Killed a Lion in a Pit, Took a warrior's spear and killed him with it.

Regarding Wealth and Wisdom: 1 Kings 10:23-24: *"King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And all the earth was seeking the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart."*

Psalm 18:34: _____
He teaches my hands to war so that a bow of steel is broken in my arms.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8: ATfE. _____
A Time for Everything.

Give Birth, Die. Plant, Uproot. Kill, Heal. Tear Down, Build Up. Weep, Laugh. Mourn, Dance. Throw Stones, Gather Stones. Embrace, Shun Embracing. Search, Give Up as Lost. Keep, Throw Away. Tear Apart, Sew Together. Be Silent, Speak. Love, Hate. War, Peace.

Isaiah 42:13a: _____
The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man. He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war.

Matthew 16:18b: _____

Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Luke 22:36b: _____
Let him who has no sword sell his robe and buy one.

Romans 8:31b: _____
If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:37: _____
"We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Romans 14 Principle: MStI: _____
Meat Sacrificed to Idols

See Also 1 Corinthians 8:7-12. Two Solutions: AoT _____
Avoid or Teach

2 Corinthians 10:5b: TETCiOtC: _____
Taking Every Thought Captive in Obedience to Christ

Galatians 5:22-23: FotS: LJPPKGFGSC. _____

The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faith, Gentleness and Self-Control.

Ephesians 6:10: _____
Be strong in the Lord and the strength of His might.

Philippians 4:8: ToTT. TNJPLGRVP. _____

Think on these things. True. Noble. Just. Pure. Lovely. Good report. Virtue. Praiseworthy.

Philippians 4:13: _____
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

2 Timothy 2:20-21. In a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

Titus 1:15: TtP,ATaP: _____
To the Pure, All Things are Pure

James 1:2: _____
Count it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials.

1 Peter 3:15b: "Ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence."

1 John 4:4b: _____
Greater is He who is in you than he who is the world.

3 John 2:1: _____
I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Revelation 19:11: _____
In righteousness He judges and wages war.

Revelation 19:14: _____
The armies which are in heaven...were following Him...

SPIRITUAL HEALTH & SPIRITUAL FITNESS

AGATHOS: BGDG: _____
Be Good, Do Good

AWWoAwG: _____
A Warrior's Way of Adventuring with God

AwCiAwG: _____
Alignment with Creation IS Alignment with God

Experiencing God author Henry Blackaby says "An encounter with Truth doesn't LEAD to an encounter with God, it IS an encounter with God."

A ROYAL KNIGHT

An adopted child of the King, a joint heir with the Crown Prince, a warrior-servant, a leader, a special creation, an empowered conqueror and more than a conqueror.

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HEALTH AND FITNESS

Health: Common: FoDoW: _____
Free of Disease or Wounds

More Precise: OFotB: _____
Optimum Functioning of the Body

THE OBVIOUS: 1. WMBB: _____

2. WMBA: _____
We Must Be Born, We Must Be Alive

Fitness: AtDaT: _____
Able to Do a Thing

THE OBVIOUS: 1. We Must Be Relatively FfW: _____.

2. We Must Relatively FoD: _____.
We Must Be Relatively Free of Wounds, We Must Be Relatively Free of Disease

SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND FITNESS: FOUNDATION

Last time, we touched on more than 30 scriptures. So we're going to assume you understand that Spiritual Health and Spiritual Fitness (which includes Strength) is a virtue.

HEALTH: OBVIOUS: 1. WMBB: _____

2. WMBA: _____
We Must Be Born, We Must Be Alive

To Be Spiritually Born, "Born Again": TiJaS: _____
Trust in Jesus as Savior

To Be Spiritually Alive: GtFDW: _____
Grow through Faith Driven Works

James 2:26b: _____
"Faith Without Works is Dead."

Basic: Grow Faith by B, P, F: _____
Bible, Prayer, Fellowship

Pre-Basic Bible: LaEP: _____
Look at Every Page

Beginning Bible for Christians: LtJ: _____
Luke thru Jude

Bible Fundamental: CtC: _____
Cover to Cover

Intermediate: Grow Faith by PS: _____
Practical Service

Advanced: Grow Faith by PL: _____
Practical Leadership

Intermediate and Advanced Grow Faith requires Spiritual Health and Spiritual Fitness

FITNESS: OBVIOUS: 1. We Must Be Relatively FfW: _____.

2. We Must Relatively FoD: _____.
We Must Be Relatively Free of Wounds, We Must Be Relatively Free of Disease

Spiritual Wounds are Events that put us in Reaction. Almost Always Old Hurts and Old Issues.

To be Free of Wounds: FtR: _____
Forgive then Respond

Spiritual Disease is BT,BP: _____
Bad Theology, Bad Principles

If our Beliefs about God, Religion, Principles and Others are damaging, those things are Spiritual Diseases. Many people suffer from Bad Theology and Bad Principles.

To be Free of Disease: LT: _____
Learn Truth

1. RiMiTAWB: _____

2. APMBCA: _____

3. TBitUPSMfC: _____
Reality is More Important Than Anything We Believe, All Principles Must Be Consistently Applied, The Bible is the Undisputed Primary Source Material for Christianity

Spiritual Health: _____
Optimum Functioning of the Spirit

Diagnosing the Health of the Spirit

(Galations 5:22-23)

Rate from -10 to +10

_____ Love (Agape)

_____ Joy

_____ Peace

_____ Patience

_____ Kindness/Gentleness

_____ Goodness

_____ Faith

_____ Gentleness/Meekness

_____ Self-Control

For the daring...
Ask someone who knows you well to rate you.

G
S:RPO
S:WME H
B:ASB
W

Spiritual Fitness: AtDaT: _____
Able to Do a Thing

Spirit: RPO: _____
Religion, Principle, Others

Spiritual Fitness is NOT: WYDND: _____
What You Do NOT Do

Spiritual Fitness IS: WYaABtD: _____
What You are Able to Do

Able to Do includes: RNT: _____
Resist Normal Temptations

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SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND FITNESS REVIEW

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EXPLORE

Diagnosing the Health of the Spirit

(Galations 5:22-23)

Rate from -10 to +10

_____ Love (Agape)

_____ Joy

_____ Peace

_____ Patience

_____ Kindness/Gentleness

_____ Goodness

_____ Faith

_____ Gentleness/Meekness

_____ Self-Control

For the daring...

Ask someone who knows you well to rate you.

G
 S:RPO
 S:WME H
 B:ASB
 W

If you truly have a Religion, it will trump everything. If you truly have Principles, they will trump everything but Religion and God. If you truly care about Others, that will trump Self. Notice in the Fruit of the Spirit how many elements require or directly affect Others: Love, Peace, Patience, Kindness/Gentleness, Goodness, Gentleness/Meekness. Only 3 aren't about Others.

BASIC BIBLE STUDY RULES

Motives

Less Mature: WCIMOD? _____
What Can I Make Others Do?

More Mature: WSID? _____
What Should I Do?

Even More Mature: GCtG: _____
Grow Closer to God

Process

Observation: WDIS? _____
What Does It Say?

Insight: WDIM? _____
What Does It Mean?

Action: WSID? _____
What Should I Do?

Change: WSIB? _____
Who Should I Be?

Applying Core Principles

1. RiMiTAWB: _____
Reality is More Important Than Anything We Believe

2. APMBCA: _____
All Principles Must Be Consistently Applied

3. TBitUPSMfC: _____
The Bible is the Undisputed Primary Source Material for Christianity

AGATHOS VIEW OF THE BIBLE

BIBLE. The 66 books of the Bible are the Word of God, perfect in their *original manuscript form* and in their *original languages*.

This allows for poetic style, difference in styles based upon the writer, parables, illustrations, quotes, and even where the document itself warns you - for human statements...

1 Corinthians 7:25: _____
Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion ...

Note: If here Paul says "I have no command from the Lord," that implies ...

Matthew 15:6, John 10:35, Romans 3:2 - The Old Testament Scripture is called "The Word of God"

2 Timothy 3:16 - "*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.*"

2 Peter 3:16 - Paul's Letters referred to as Scripture by Peter.

This is still not "dictating word for word what God said." We DO assume that every word is exactly the word God intended - EVEN in allowing Paul to insert his "mistake" - with the warning beforehand.

BASIC AGATHOS IDEALS

When there are more than one possible meanings...

Action or Expectation

Active or Passive

Advance or Retreat

Be or Seem to Be

Change Self or Change Others

Character or Mere Behavior

Complete or Simplistic

Conquer or Withdraw

Design Faith or

Intervention Faith

Do or Seem to Do

Fact or Feeling

Faith or Disbelief

Freedom or Law

Give or Receive

Glorify God or Diminish God

Hard Truth or Easy Cliché

Honor God or Dishonor God

Inclusive or Exclusive

Intelligent Faith or Blind Faith

Joy or Complaint

Love or Hate

Objective or Subjective

Original Language or English

Personal Growth or

Begrudging Obedience

Reconcile or Tension

Responsibility or Right

Seek Value in Opposition or

Counter Attack

Strength or Safety

Stewardship or Trust

Trust or Challenge

Understand or Caricaturize

Who You Are or What You Do

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SPIRITUAL STRENGTH

BPSbPFR: _____
Build Physical Strength by Progressive Functional Resistance

How to get Hurt: 1. MI: _____ 2. DTM: _____
Move Incorrectly. Do Too Much.

How to get Strong: 1. MC: _____ 2. DE: _____
Move Correctly. Do Enough

Temptation

Definition: WYEWtDSYWKiW: _____
When Your Emotions Want to Do Something Your Will Knows is Wrong.

Easiest to Resist: WYDWtD: _____
Wrongs You Don't Want to Do

Hardest to Overcome: TYDNTaW: _____
Temptations You Do Not Think Are Wrong

If you see "gossip" as "conversation" or "visiting," then resisting gossip will be difficult.
If you see "harsh criticism" as "honesty" then resisting doing harsh criticism will be difficult.
If you see "arguing" as "being open with my feelings" then resisting arguing will be difficult.
If you see "judging people" as "discernment" then you may even cultivate that attitude!

We Easily See Big, Objective Sins, like sex, drugs, stealing, murder (especially when Others do it!).
Most of us are most hurt by Hurtful Communication - a message we receive, not an act against us.

Even "abuse" isn't as much about the physical harm as the emotional harm. "Rape" doesn't devastate a woman's life by the physical injury the act does, but by the message she receives about her own safety, her own value, and her own rights through the act.

"Accidental injury" vs. "Intentional injury" vs.
"Intentional injury by someone who is supposed to love you."

Communication issues are one of our biggest, most dangerous temptations.

LfS: _____ . Especially your own!
Listen for Snippets

Communicate by UDBU: _____
1. Understand. 2. Define. 3. Be Understood.

When We Do Wrong: FPA: _____
Four Point Apology

1. AtP: _____
Affirm the Person
2. AtR: _____
Affirm the Relationship

3. EGR: _____
Express Genuine Regret
4. Aff: _____
Ask for Forgiveness

I Am Immune to Temptation IF: IDNWtDI: _____
I Do Not Want to Do It

The problem here is that we often do not understand those who are tempted in that area. To relate, think of the temptations to which you most easily fall. It may be "something small" or "something common" - many of us often fall to our emotions to say or do something hurtful.

NOTE: "Purity Pledges" are often extracted from teens and preteens who have never faced the temptation that is the subject of the pledge, so they make the pledge easily. Also, just as often, they do not have any choice - it is a public request with a public declaration - so they do not have permission to say "I'll have to think about it" nor to say "I'll have to wait until I actually face that temptation to make a firm decision" and usually they can't say "I'll need more information first."

I Can Avoid Sinful Acts IF: IHFT&O: _____

I Hide From Temptation and Opportunity

Hiding from Temptation is often seen as a virtue, but it can also dramatically interfere with life. Hiding from Opportunity is usually seen as a wise course of action, though it can also interfere.

IiNStbT: _____

It is Not Sin to be Tempted.

SiS, NSiNS, NiN: _____

Sin is Sin, Not Sin is Not Sin, Normal is Normal

In many areas, the problem we have with something isn't the thing itself, but what we think the thing will lead to. The problem with drinking alcohol isn't the drinking of alcohol, it's drunkenness. There's nothing wrong with a beer or a glass of wine, but there IS something wrong with getting drunk. But some people see the problem is ANY alcohol because any can lead to some, some can lead to a lot, and a lot means you're drunk and now sinning.

Build Strength Against Temptation with Progressive Resistance

How to Fall: 1. TI: _____ 2. FTM: _____

Think Incorrectly, Face Too Much

How to Grow Strong: 1. TC: _____ 2. FE: _____

Think Correctly, Face Enough

The Certain Defense to Sinful Action: LoO: _____

Lack of Opportunity

JB YDDIDNMYDF: _____

Just Because You Did Not Do It Does Not Mean You Did Not Fall

You Fall When: YWIYC: _____

You Fall When You Would If You Could

F+O=SA: _____

Fall + Opportunity = Sinful Action

The Sin happens in the Soul. We are fortunate when we cannot take Action based upon our Fall because at least all the consequences of the Fall are internal - which means we can cooperate with Spiritual Principles to fix it. When Sin is an Action, the Soul consequence still occurs, but now we have Real World Consequences to deal with, too.

The Proper Purpose of Legalism: TPtWfSA: _____

To Protect the Weak from Sinful Action

Will Power: IWStWiRNMWIF: _____

I Will Stick to What is Right No Matter What I Feel

The REASON to Say NO: BliW: _____

Because It is Wrong

So long as the reasons are Consequences, it's Emotion vs. Emotion.

Consequences include Practical Consequences, Being Found Out, or Being Shot Down.

If we see Opportunity when we know we have Fallen, **WMF:** _____

We Must Flee

PONR: _____ is where you can no longer say No.

Point of No Return

If you THINK you can say No and you're wrong, F+O=SA. So be radically honest with yourself.

TETC&TOTT: _____

Take Every Thought Captive and Think On These Things

Until You Have 100% Success In Your Soul, You Must Rely on Lack of Opportunity to avoid SA.

Temptation Without Opportunity is an Opportunity to Grow - BUT You Must TETC & TOTT.

Practice Saying No EVEN IF there is NO Opportunity! That's Your Opportunity for Growth!

DNCOLoO: _____

Do Not Count On Lack of Opportunity

Train Your Will to Submit to Your Spirit, and Train Your Body and Soul to Submit to Your Will - EVEN IF you do not expect to have an opportunity to do the things you're training to resist.

Repent and Ask God for Forgiveness for a Soul-Only Fall the same as you would a Sinful Action.

If Lack of Opportunity OR Emotion vs. Emotion saved you, you need Repentance and Forgiveness.

Four Point Apology to God for Soul-Falls. Make Repentance/Apology for Soul-Falls a Big Deal.

If You Learn to NOT Fall in Your Soul, then You Will NOT Fall in Word or Deed.

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SPIRIT & WILL WORKOUTS
PRACTICING DISCIPLINES
Disciplines of the Will

Will over Body

F: _____
 Fasting
 E: _____
 Eating
 D: _____
 Delay
 BC: _____
 Body Change
 HC: _____
 Health Choices
 A: _____
 Abstinence

Will over Senses

L: _____
 Looking
 D: _____
 Darkness
 L: _____
 Listening
 S: _____
 Silence
 T: _____
 Touching
 T: _____
 Tasting
 S: _____
 Smelling

Will over Actions

W: _____
 Waking
 S: _____
 Stillness
 A: _____
 Activity
 FR: _____
 Fulfill Responsibility
 EW: _____
 Early Work

S: _____
 Saying
 PS: _____
 Public Speaking

Will over Emotions

PA: _____
 Positive Attitude
 PI: _____
 Practiced Intent
 DG: _____
 Delayed Gratification
 SD: _____
 Self Denial
 EL: _____
 Emotion Limitation
 EO: _____
 Emotion Override
 EC: _____
 Emotion Choice

Will over Mind

F: _____
 Focus
 T: _____
 Thinking
 SP: _____
 Solve Problems
 DT: _____
 Directed Thought
 C: _____
 Creativity
 R: _____
 Reading
 W: _____
 Writing
 L: _____
 Learning
 P: _____
 Puzzles
 M: _____
 Mathematics

Agathos-style Fasting: LN, S: _____
Liquid Nutrition, Supplements

The Will Point: FH, CtNE _____
Feel Hungry, Choose to Not Eat

The Body Point: GDSaB, CB: _____
Give Digestive System a Break, Cleanse Body

Sample Fast: If you've never fasted before: **PreFast Week:** Day 1: Replace one meal with carrots.
 Day 2: Replace two meals with carrots. Day 3: Replace all meals with carrots.

First Week: Fast for 24 hours. Break fast with carrots. Give your body time, then eat normally.

Second Week: Fast for 48 hours. Break fast with carrots. Allow time, then eat normally.

Third Week: Fast for 72 hours. Break fast with carrots. Allow time, then eat normally.

Have all the fluids you like. The Will Point is to let yourself FEEL hungry, but to deny your appetite. You just tell your body: "I'm not eating until..." while you make sure you get all your nutrition in liquid form. Your body doesn't NEED anything - it just WANTS bulk. You FEEL hungry, but you don't NEED food.

Character Value of Fasting: DaA: _____

Deny an Appetite

Your body hungers, but you Choose to deny that hunger. This will help strengthen your Will against other "hungers" - including alcohol, drugs, sex, unhealthy foods, too much food, etc.

Disciplines of the Spirit

Others over Will

C: _____

Courtesy

D: _____

Defer

E: _____

Encouragement

E: _____

Edification

C: _____

Compliments

M/F: _____

Mercy/Forgiveness

AR: _____

Appropriate Restoration

G: _____

Generosity

F: _____

Favors

F: _____

Friendship

M: _____

Marriage

P: _____

Parenting

F: _____

Family

AG: _____

Anonymous Giving

G/S: _____

Grace/Service

TI: _____

Time Investment

Principles over Will

VP: _____

Value Production

SM: _____

Save Money

I: _____

Invest

P/G: _____

Planning/Goals

OL: _____

Outpacing Life

VO: _____

Values Obedience

M/PP: _____

Mission/Purpose Pursuit

V: _____

Versatility

RM: _____

Role Modeling

L: _____

Leadership

PF: _____

Principle Fulfillment

ICA: _____

Inconvenient Consistent Application

PG: _____

Personal Growth

Religion over Will

BR: _____

Bible Reading

BS: _____

Bible Study

P: _____

Prayer

F: _____

Fellowship

O: _____

Outreach

O: _____

Obedience

IO: _____

Inconvenient Obedience

HO: _____

Heart Obedience

SG: _____

Spiritual Growth

M: _____

Ministry

GOD over Will

RP: _____

Relational Prayer

RG: _____

Relationship Growth

T: _____

Trust

IG: _____

Intentional Godliness

F: _____

Faith

HOtC: _____

Heart Obedience to Character

OtC: _____

Obedience to Call

WiR: _____

Walking in Relationship

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PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL SERVICE

Definition: Exercise Your Faith to MaPDfO: _____

Make a Positive Difference for Others

Take action based upon what you know is True.

The Obvious: SYC: _____

Serve Your Church

Look for a ministry that needs help and help. Look for a person doing something that could use some assistance, and assist. Look for a person or team that has been doing something and join the team.

And here's an important one: If you see someone doing something you can do - and that person could also do something you cannot do - volunteer to take over their current task to free them to invest themselves in the task that only they can do.

Acts 6:2b - _____

"It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables" - NIV

Motive:

Less Mature: HCILG? _____

How can I look good?

Less Mature: HCIFG? _____

How can I feel good?

More Mature: HCIHfT? _____

How can I help the team?

Even More Mature: HCIMaDfG? _____

How can I make a difference for God?

Ephesians 6:6 - *Not with eyeservice as menpleasers* ("How can I look good?" - the least mature motive), *but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart* ("How can I make a difference for God?" - the most mature motive).

The Less Obvious: SYT: _____

Serve Your Team

Your "Team" might be your Spouse, your Household, your Family, your Work Team... Wherever you have a team to which you owe some responsibility - but you haven't served your role on the team in the way you know you should - then step up your service! Be a better husband, better wife, better parent, better boyfriend/girlfriend, better son/daughter, employee, manager, boss...

THE ENCOMIUM PRINCIPLE: LP: _____

Lavish Praise

Think about how a boy might stand up on the diving board of a pool and shout "Dad! Hey DAD! Watch this!" and then he bounces off the board with all his might to show his dad what he can do. If he doesn't get it quite right, does he get all upset? Not usually. Normally he'll pop his head up out of the water and say "That wasn't it! Keep watching! I'll do it again!" Then he'll go up to the diving board and try again. AND the son will keep trying to learn new things to show his dad.

The Encomium Principle means we Praise God with our singing at church, with our attentiveness to the sermons, with our service to the church, with our Bible Reading, with our Prayer time.... AND we Praise God with how we take care of this Body God Designed and Engineered for us (we only get this one! This one has to die before we get a new one.), how we behave as sons, daughters, friends, husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, employees, employers, how we treat strangers, how we treat customers.... it's all part of our Worship. We Praise God Lavishly when we are Praising God with every facet of our lives!

LSTA: _____

Live So They Ask

1 Peter 3:15: "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. - NASB

PRACTICAL SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Definition: Exercise your Faith to HOMaPDfO: _____
Help Others Make a Positive Difference for Others

Take action based upon what you know is True in a way that helps others take action based upon what they know is True.

Your First Test of Leadership: CYLY? _____
Can You Lead Yourself?

If you cannot get you to follow you, why should anyone else follow you?

All our talk about Self-Control, Will Power, Disciplines... that's Self-Leadership.

Second Test of Leadership: WIOFY? _____
What If Others Follow You?

What results do you consistently produce in your own life?

What are the normal and natural results of those who follow your leadership?

1 Corinthians 11:1 - FMaIFC: _____
"Follow me as I follow Christ."

Third Test of Leadership: CYLL? _____
Can You Lead Leaders?

Being in charge of a Team of Leaders is easy. Teams of Leaders get a lot done because everyone is a good example of a team member and every member is focused on achieving the Team Goals.

However - LEADING a Team of Leaders means you need a higher Leadership Number than the Leaders on your Team. (See John Maxwell, *21 Laws of Leadership*: "The Law of the Lid")

The Weak LOTbW: _____
The Weak Lead Others to be Weak.

Matthew 15:14b: *"If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."*

DwYIBLO: _____
Deal with Your Issues Before Leading Others.

Matthew 7:5b: *"First get the beam out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly ..."*

The Strong LOTbS: _____
The Strong Lead Others to be Strong.

1 Corinthians 16:13 - *"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, _____."*

Ephesians 6:10 - *"_____ in the Lord and in the strength of His might."*

2 Timothy 2:1b - *"_____ in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."* Be Strong, Be Strong, Be Strong

Hebrews 13:17a - *"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account..."*

This admonition is given to Followers. In the Agathos Tradition, we look for our responsibilities.

Leaders Must: KWOS: _____
Keep Watch Over Souls.

Based upon our model, Soul is Will, Mind, and Emotions. So we must keep watch over the Will (Choices), Mind (Thoughts, Logic, Learning) and Emotions (consider the Language of Emotions) of those we are Leading.

Followers Should: EL, OLDTJ: _____
Evaluate Leaders, Obey Leaders Doing Their Job

James Warning: James 3:1: "Let not many of you become _____, my brethren, knowing as such we will IaSJ: _____."

Teachers, Incur a Stricter Judgment.

The logic here is that Teachers are responsible for teaching The Truth. For error, we are logically responsible for the normal and natural consequences of our false teaching, and it seems that God will hold us responsible for that.

Acts 17:11 describes "students" Paul taught who had the audacity to question the Apostle...

"For they were more _____ than those in Thessalonica, for they _____, examining the Scriptures daily to see

Noble-Minded, Received the Word with Great Eagerness, Whether Those Things Were So

Checkup On Your Teachers and Leaders: INM! _____
It's Noble-Minded!

Give them the benefit of the doubt. Give credit where credit is due. Ask clarifying questions.

Always be respectful in your disagreement. Deeply and critically consider your own position.

Take it as seriously as a Commander relieving a Captain of duty - since you are teaching yourself.