



Training Men. **THE A MEN** Impacting Generations.

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Solving Life's Problems the Old Fashioned Way

I. Introduction:

II. Why should a father “think generationally?” How does he do that?

III. How does a man “listen to God”?

IV. How does a man “become wise”?

V. What are effective strategies for solving problems?



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION: Iron Sharpening Iron Tool

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1. Beginning with a one-word topic - Describe an Issue that is #1 on your mind today?

Hobby or Special Project?

Work Responsibility?

Family Problem?

Financial Challenge?

Personal Dilemma?

Anger?

2. What are the facts?

3. If you had your way, in one word, what action would you want to take?

4. How will key relationships be impacted by your action?

5. In one word, what does your spouse think? Have you prayed with her?

6. What Scriptural principles apply to this situation? (*look up the topic*).

7. Based on God's Word, what action does God want you to take?

8. What's the difference between your action and God's action?

9. Are you willing to obey God or do your own thing? Why?

10. Based on the discussion, men should now pray about the situation.

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A-Men LEADERS: How to Use the Iron Sharpens Iron Tool

by Derek Packard

Many people say men don't share easily. Could it be that their friends just haven't asked the right questions? A great way to help men sort out issues is to ask the right questions, listen, and then pray as the Lord leads. Here's a process that will help you do just that.

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

To be sharpened, two pieces of iron must rub up against each other with intent and precision. In the same way, men owe it to each other to not beat around the bush, but intentionally ask questions that require strait answers. If men are honest and transparent with each other the Holy Spirit will direct the prayer and encouragement needed for the moment. The following discussion process will help men get the most out of their small group time by enabling one man to sharpen another.

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