

Why I like **Man In The Mirror Bible Studies**:

I know you are interested in improving your life with God or you are hurting with life's trials looking for answers by coming to the website. I would like to share a little with you about my trials and how God lead me to be a Men's ministry leader at age 56 and it started with **Man In The Mirror**; I'm now 74.

First I thought my life issues were different than other men. I was already retired and thought I was to enjoy life. I put my hours in like all men do for 36 years. I discovered very soon that I was not happy with retirement as such. One afternoon setting in my retirement chair I read an article about men serving for God and receiving an experience only God could gave. Experiences in your mind you want, but it's not there. The article was written by Patrick Morley the author and founder of **Man In The Mirror**. As I said above I thought I had different talents and different issues than other men. I wanted to serve God and have always tried to do that as much as possible. I was looking for significance by my own means and telling God how I wanted it. Like most men I wanted God to be my God the way I wanted Him to be. Not the God he is and I am testifying He changed all that through **Man In The Mirror** discipleship studies. God convicted me that He wanted me to help get men in discipleship Bible Studies. That was far from anything I was planning on doing for my Lord. My talents were not in this area, but Pat Morley had me convinced the church was to be lead by men, following the Pastor's leadership. I went to our Pastor Bob Green and he suggested we start with the **Man In The Mirror**. Now it is a few years later and I have seen men change in their hearts that could only come from God's plans for each man. Men have the same problems, same issues but their pride gets in the way. God is the same today as He was yesterday and will be the same tomorrow. Why men try to change Him to be like they want is far beside me. It's Satan way of using us to self destruct. There is not enough space in this site to tell you the valleys Satan has run me through, and I could not have gone through them had I not been for His word and the men praying for me. Some would call it iron sharpening iron, but it is living in His word and glorifying Him in everything that make the difference.

I have observed working with men you cannot go through life as a Christian and not study His word. This is God's way to fuel His servants. Secondly, I don't believe you can be disciple in Christ fully in a couple class. I believe older men understand this better. Third you must sharpen your sword with other men. Jesus is our example to follow; he taught his disciple three year before sending them out. Not all men disciple the same in time, and only the Holy Spirit should be your guide. Our pastor suggests that men should write their testimony out, telling how their life was before their salvation and how it changed their life afterward. He also explains that no one can take away our testimony as to what it is like now. A fourth thing I would suggest is if you are weak in witnessing for Jesus you might try discipleship studying with other men.

What have you got to lose coming to the ***Man in the Mirror Bible Studies***? I invite you to come with an open mind, bring your Bible and share with other men. Share your issues that only another man would understand. Use the raw restless energy that God gave you to serve Him. God will give you a ministry in serving Him and you will have a significance that only God himself can give.

Thank you for coming to our website and my God bless your efforts in Him. If you have time study this link. You will see some of the lessons that we study.

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