

Sharpening Lessons for Young Men

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To all men—brothers, sons, and fathers, God bless you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

I believe our Father in heaven has predestined every one of us for specific assignments. Our main assignment is to be a good and godly example of Christ's love to our sons, daughters, and brothers.

A son should learn positive traits from his father that will grow with him as he approaches manhood. Sons observe these positive traits through our behavior. Our behavior should emulate the characteristics of Christ.

Our characteristics are formed by the many paths we encounter in a lifetime. Our heavenly Father already knows what they will be and how we will respond. It is all designed to lead us to the Lord's complete plan for our salvation. The prophet Jeremiah reminds us, “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’” (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

The paths we encounter teach us numerous lessons for growth and sharpens our godly image. Below are some lessons I have learned. And brothers, I am still learning.

- Pray and fast for God's guidance on what we need to pursue.
- Have the patience to wait on the Holy Spirit for the course of action to accomplish it.
- Finish what the Lord gave you to do.

Finally, this is my objective, to take up my cross and fulfill my predestined assignment for the cause of Christ.