

The Prepared Man, Built on God's Blueprint — Overview

THE POINT: Men will discuss and learn how God, the heavenly Father, prepared His son, Adam, for life.

WARM UP: Think on these two words: PRODUCT; PROCESS. A **meal** is the finished product of the **cooking** process. What all goes into preparing a meal from scratch? The typical person prefers “product” over “process”. What happens when we skip “process” to get “product”? (Hint: Cost or Price) _____

If a **godly man** is the product God wants, the Bible shows us the process that yields such a man.

WORKOUT. Four ways God trained Adam before allowing him to meet a woman—read **Genesis 2:7-20**.

1. Man of **WORSHIP**: *Connect and Commune with God the Creator*; **verse 7**. The first thing about Adam was his connection with God. Looking at the way God **formed** the man, how can you tell He wanted a close bond with Adam? _____

2. Man of **WEALTH**: *Manage Assets and Resources for God the Owner*; **verses 8-14**.

(a) **Shelter**; *verse 8*. What was Adam's home? What was special about it? _____

(b) **Food**; *verse 9*. What was Adam's diet? How would it benefit him? _____

(c) **Income**; *verses 10-14*. How many “riverheads” flowed from the “river” in Eden? How would the river and its riverheads benefit Adam? _____

3. Man of **WORK**: *Be Responsible and Accountable to God the Master*; **verse 15**.

◆ What work did God give the man? Adam had everything he needed and wanted—no bills to pay. So why did God require him to work? _____

4. Man of **WISDOM**: *Be Wise and Think like the Intelligent Designer*; **verses 16-20**.

◆ What was important about God's command to Adam? *verses 16-17*. _____

◆ How did the Creator train Adam to become an educated thinker? *verses 18-20*. _____

THE TAKEAWAY. As a father, I will you use the pattern of the heavenly Father to train my son for life. The Creator made sure Adam became a man BEFORE becoming a husband, and that Adam became a husband BEFORE becoming a father. That's God's blueprint for manhood, and it's good enough for me and for my child.

Pray It Loud (from the Heart): Heavenly Father, I am willing to go through Your process for making me a godly man. I understand Your blueprint for manhood, and I will follow Your pattern to prepare my child for life. But Lord, I can only do it with Your constant help. So, help me, in JESUS' name, Amen!