

STRONGER MEN

JUNE 2022

WEEKLY GUIDE & RESOURCES





JUNE 2022 – PERSEVERANCE

Greetings **STRONGER MEN**,

Here's the big idea for the month of June: **STRONGER MEN endure trials, tests, temptations, and suffering; cultivating and exuding perseverance as the fruit of and in pursuit of, mature manhood.**

Hebrews 12:1-3 says,

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

The Biblical Process looks like this (see 1 Peter 1:3-7; 2 Peter 1:5-11; Romans 5:1-5; James 1:2-4, 12; 5:7-11; Hebrews 10:32-36):

- **Tests and trials** are a prerequisite to developing perseverance.
- **Perseverance** is a prerequisite to developing maturity, godliness, and character.
- **Maturity**, godliness, & character are a prerequisite to future blessing and reward.

We LIVE through it, and walk through it, left to right:

(a) Testing —> (b) Persevering —> (c) Maturing —> (d) Reward

**We encounter testing, and in the process of persevering we mature, and in maturing in character we are preparing to receive future blessing and reward.

But we can PREPARE for it, right to left (by focusing on the reward not the test!):

(d) Testing <— (c) Persevering <— (b) Maturing <— (a) Reward

**In other words, we draw strength by looking to the reward! The hope of future blessing strengthens and matures us to persevere in the trials that come!

Where is there the fruit of perseverance in your life? Where is there need for the pursuit of perseverance in your life? Where are you being tested? How will you keep going?

Keep running the race! Don't give up! Your biggest test and trial may be in front of you.

Running with you,

Pastor Adam



HOW STRONGER MEN GROUPS WORK:

1. Gather weekly with your **STRONGER MEN** group (a group of dudes who want to get stronger in Christ) in the weeks between our 1st Wednesday **STRONGER MEN** gatherings.

2. Read and discuss the following Scripture passages using the discussion questions.

***Have each man read the passage and think on the questions in advance, in preparation for your meeting/gathering. It makes a big difference. Come prepared!*

3. Identify clear actions and applications for your life and relationships.

4. Pray for God to build Christ-like character and virtues in your lives as strong, godly men, walking in the power and example of Jesus.

THE JUNE CHALLENGE:

1. Attend the Forged Conference, & make 2 personal invites.
<https://brushfire.com/gracecitychurch/forged/519441>

2. Make a summer plan to intentionally bless and lead your family well. Share it with your Stronger Men group.

3. Pray with and for your wife and children every day.

4. Order one good book that you'll read this summer to strengthen your faith and leadership (see recommended book list on last page).



**CHECK OUT PASTOR ADAMS JUNE
STRONGER MEN MESSAGE HERE:**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=km_SHFUZ-vGw&list=PLptTyphw8iGOAzPfmolycTA2eDP5-eO-Po&index=16



NEXT 0600 STRONGER MEN:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - SEASON 3!

0600-0700

GRACE CITY CHURCH

277 MELODY LANE



Season 2 (2021-2022) Recap: VIRTUE FOCUS OF THE MONTH

1. September: **Humility** vs. Pride
2. October: **Faith** vs. Idolatry (Trusting ____...)
3. November: **Courage** vs. Fear
4. December: **Love** vs. Selfishness
5. January: **Holy Ambition** vs. Worldliness/Apathy/Wasting your life
6. February: **Purity & Integrity** vs. Immorality
7. March: **Discipline & Self-Control** vs. Undisciplined & Uncontrolled Passions
8. April: **Diligence & Effort** vs. Laziness/Slothfulness
9. May: **Wisdom** vs. Foolishness
10. June: **Perseverance & Patience** vs. Quitting/Bailing, Giving in/Giving up

Note! **The virtues of Stronger Manhood compound.** Like compounding interest, these virtues build on each other and support the ongoing development of the others. They are attributes that we need to be building and cultivating for our entire lifetime.



WEEK 1 - JUNE 6TH - 10TH

Hebrews 10:19-39; 12:1-13

***Have each man read the passage and think on the questions in advance, in preparation for your meeting/gathering. Even better, write out some responses to the questions. Come prepared!*

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some initial observations about these verses? What jumps out at you? Have each man share at least one highlight or takeaway from each passage.
2. What virtues are commended?
3. What vices are disapproved of or warned against? How have you dealt with these in your own life?
4. What values are affirmed?
5. What examples or connections in your own life and/or to everyday life have you seen from these chapters this past week?
6. What is your greatest insight or takeaway from this discussion?

Close your time in prayer for each other.



WEEK 2 - JUNE 13TH - 16TH

1 Peter 1:3-9; 2 Peter 1:3-11

***Have each man read the passage and think on the questions in advance, in preparation for your meeting/gathering. Even better, write out some responses to the questions. Come prepared!*

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some initial observations about these verses? What jumps out at you? Have each man share at least one highlight or takeaway from each passage.
2. What virtues are commended?
3. What vices are disapproved of or warned against? How have you dealt with these in your own life?
4. What values are affirmed?
5. What examples or connections in your own life and/or to everyday life have you seen from these chapters this past week?
6. What is your greatest insight or takeaway from this discussion?

Close your time in prayer for each other.



WEEK 3 - JUNE 20TH - 24TH

James 1:2-4, 12; 5:7-11

***Have each man read the passage and think on the questions in advance, in preparation for your meeting/gathering. Even better, write out some responses to the questions. Come prepared!*

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some initial observations about these verses? What jumps out at you? Have each man share at least one highlight or takeaway from each passage.
2. What virtues are commended?
3. What vices are disapproved of or warned against? How have you dealt with these in your own life?
4. What values are affirmed?
5. What examples or connections in your own life and/or to everyday life have you seen from these chapters this past week?
6. What is your greatest insight or takeaway from this discussion?

Close your time in prayer for each other.



WEEK 4 - JUNE 27TH - JULY 1ST

Romans 5:1-5

***Have each man read the passage and think on the questions in advance, in preparation for your meeting/gathering. Even better, write out some responses to the questions. Come prepared!*

Questions for Discussion:

1. What are some initial observations about these verses? What jumps out at you? Have each man share at least one highlight or takeaway from each passage.
2. What virtues are commended?
3. What vices are disapproved of or warned against? How have you dealt with these in your own life?
4. What values are affirmed?
5. What examples or connections in your own life and/or to everyday life have you seen from these chapters this past week?
6. What is your greatest insight or takeaway from this discussion?

Close your time in prayer for each other.



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES for STRONGER MEN:

1. **Conquer Series:** The Battle Plan for Purity - Ted Roberts

Trying harder doesn't work. The Conquer Series, unrivaled in its scope and authority, lays out the process to permanently stop watching porn with proven strategies and tools that have helped over 2 million men in 100+ nations find lasting freedom. Start your journey to freedom. <https://conquerseries.com/> (Watch the Trailer!) Email: conquer@gracecitychurch.com to connect with our team about help in this battle.

2. **Spiritual Leadership:** Principles of Excellence for Every Believer

- J. Oswald Sanders

3. **The Measure of A Man:** Twenty Attributes of a Godly Man

- Gene A. Getz

4. **Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life** - Donald S. Whitney

5. **The Five Marks of a Man:** Finding Your Path to Courageous Manhood - Brian Tome

6. **Act Like Men:** 40 Days to Biblical Manhood - James Macdonald

7. **Disciplines of a Godly Man** - R. Kent Hughes

8. **Win Your War:** Fight in the Realm You Don't See for Freedom in the One You Do - Mark & Grace Driscoll

9. **Counterfeit Gods:** The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power and the Only Hope That Matters - Timothy Keller

10. **The Shepherd Leader At Home:** Knowing, Leading, Protecting, and Providing for Your Family - Timothy Witmer

11. **Tender Warrior:** God's Intention for a Man - Stu Weber

12. **Four Pillars of A Man's Heart:** Bringing Strength Into Balance - Stu Weber