

# **Man to Man**

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### I. Introduction.

### II. A man should have essential qualities.

A. We were created in the moral and spiritual image of God with a conscience and a responsibility.

B. We all have to give an account to God. (Romans 15:12, II Corinthians 1:24)

C. We have individuality as expressed through our gifts. (Romans 11:29, I Corinthians 12:18, Romans 12:3)

### III. Implications of a father-son relationship.

A. This leader-follower relationship has been established by God. (I Thessalonians 5:12-14, I Peter 5:1-5, I Timothy 3:5)

B. God established authority in order that we might walk worthy of God. (I Thessalonians 2:11-12)

C. God's means to accomplish this is through...

1. Exhortation. The idea is gentle persuasion.

2. Encouragement. This is personal motivation by love. (I Corinthians 13)

3. Charging. This is giving counsel, light and new direction.

### IV. Practical tips.

A. It must be of mutual benefit. (II Timothy 3:10-11, Philippians 2:22-23)

B. It must be of mutual privilege.

C. Discuss biblical principles, problems and pray. (Luke 22:28)

1. Let the man solve his own problems.

2. Each person should be able to look to God for the answers to his problems.

D. Potential pitfalls.

1. Assuming that a man-to-man relationship can only be in private. (II Timothy 2:2)

2. Assuming that man-to-man is the only way to train a man. It is one of the best ways, but it is not the only way.

E. God will give you a man when you are ready.

**Application questions:**

1. How would you defend the statement that God established the leader-follower relationship with Scripture?

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2. What should a person intend to accomplish through this relationship?

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3. What areas would you like to grow in to maximize your effectiveness in this area of ministry? Explain.

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