

Making Men of Iron

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I. Introduction.

A. We understand some things Job did not.

1. Suffering is disciplinary.
2. We can glory in our suffering as children of God.
3. The wicked are given enough rope to hang themselves.
4. Heaven and hell are realities.
5. This world is the Devil's sphere of operation regarding the children of God.

B. Job was a man of iron—something was a part of his makeup that gave him strength.

C. There are six ingredients in the man of iron.

II. The man of iron is a man of strong convictions.

A. Regarding...

1. The Bible.
2. God's character.
3. Truth. (Isaiah 8:12-13)
4. The battle raging for the souls of men. (Ephesians 6:10)
5. The battle is worth fighting.

B. Convictions come from the Word of God. (Psalm 1:1-3; Jeremiah 17:5; Ezekiel 31:7)

III. The man of iron has non-negotiable principles.

IV. The man of iron is a man of faith. (Hebrews 11:6; Jeremiah 39:18)

A. Faith comes from facts and experience. (Romans 10:17; Acts 27)

B. God stands by. (Isaiah 43:2)

C. The man of iron serves God. (2 Corinthians 11:22)

V. The man of iron is one who has been through the fire. (Isaiah 48:10; John 16:33; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Peter 4:12-13; 1 Peter 1:6; Malachi 3:3)

VI. The man of iron is a man who has been around men of iron. (Proverbs 27:17; 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33)

VII. The man of iron is a man of steady consistence.

Application questions:

1. Why are strong conditions the basis for a man of iron's life?

2. How can we foster faith?

3. What characteristic of the man of iron will you devote yourself to growing in? How will you go about this? Explain.
