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building the disciplines of faithful leaders

Saturday, October 8, 2016

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## **build homework**

**DUE: October 22, 2016**

### **LOOKING BACK...**

Look back at your notes from October 8 (D1 – Troubling and Comforting Truths for My Heart). Remind yourself of the three troubling truths and the five comforting truths.

#### OUR HARDNESS OF HEART

\* Scripture teaches that hardness of heart is at the underlying reason why the unregenerate man is excluded from fellowship with God (Eph 4:18). What were some ways you manifested that hardness of heart in your unbelief?

#### GOD OVERCOMES WITH POWER

\* Scripture teaches that the Creator God overcomes the hardness of heart by giving us the knowledge of the glory of God (2 Cor 4:5,6). How does this truth lead you in thankfulness and humility towards God?

#### GOD CLEANSSES BY FAITH THROUGH GRACE

\* Scripture teaches that at conversion God cleanses the heart of the unbeliever by faith through grace (Acts 15:9,11). Remember two things: (1) faith is the ability to entrust your soul to God, and (2) grace is the work of God to enable you to entrust yourself to God when you would have never done so on your own. What do these two truths do for your confidence in your salvation?

**LOOKING DAY BY DAY...**

Consider using part of your daily prayer time to agree with God of His transformation of you.

1. Agree with God that in your mixed condition you are still capable of hardening your heart (Heb 3:8). Ask God to grow you in your sensitivity to when you are heading down a path that will lead to hardness of heart.

2. Agree with God that because of indwelling sin the heart not consistently fed with gospel truth will slide into unbelief (Heb 3:12). Are there any changes you need to make to consistently feed your heart with the gospel?

3. Agree with God that you are no longer a slave to sin (Rom 6:18). Ask God to grow you in your desire and equipping to flee opportunities for sin when they present themselves to you.

4. Agree with God that His design for the Christian is that they have a close, intimate fellowship with Jesus (Eph 3:17). Ask God to give you strength from His Holy Spirit to be the kind of man in whom Christ would love to take up permanent residence.

**LOOKING AHEAD...**

In preparation for Saturday, October 22 (D1 – Admonish, Encourage and Help), think about the natural human response to the person near you who is unruly or fainthearted or weak. Ask God to prepare your heart to receive His wisdom for how we should respond in those situations.