

**WHAT MEN NEED**

# I. Men Need Encouragement

**Pro 12:18** There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise *is* health.

**Pro 12:25** Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad.

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**Pro 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

**Pro 18:21** Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

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## 3 WAYS TO BE A GREATER ENCOURAGER:

1. PRAISE SPECIFICALLY

2. PRAISE TRUTHFULLY

**Ecc 12:11** The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened *by* the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.

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## II. MEN NEED INFLUENCE

# influence

*noun* in·flu·ence \ 'in- ,flü-ən(t)s, especially Southern in- '\

- : the power to change or affect someone or something : the power to cause changes without directly forcing them to happen
- : **a person or thing that affects someone or something in an important way**

Source: Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary

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**Pro 9:9** Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.

THE WISE ARE WILLING TO LEARN FROM ANYONE.

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**Pro 11:25** The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.

**Pro 14:1** Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

**Pro 12:4** A virtuous woman *is* a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed *is* as rottenness in his bones.

# III. MEN NEED PURPOSE

**Ecc 2:8** I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* musical instruments, and that of all sorts.

**Ecc 2:9** So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me.

**Ecc 2:10** And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labour: and this was my portion of all my labour.

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**Ecc 2:17** Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun *is* grievous unto me: for all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

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**1Pe 3:1** Likewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

**1Pe 3:2** While they behold your chaste conversation *coupled* with fear.

**1Pe 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.