



Series: Biblical Manhood

A Man Making a Contribution

John 14:12, 15:4-5, 8, 16

Questions

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1. When Ernest Shackleton planned his 3rd polar expedition he reportedly ran this ad:

MEN WANTED for Hazardous Journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success.

He needed 27 men. 5,000 applied. Why?

2. How does God equip men to make a contribution according to 1 Corinthians 12:7, Romans 12:4-8, 1 Peter 4:10-11, and Ephesians 4:11-13?
3. Why does God equip men to make a contribution according to Ephesians 2:10, John 15:8, and 14:12? How would you rate the contribution you are making to Christ's work—faithful, somewhat faithful, negligible, or something else?
4. ANSWER ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - What would it take for you to make your greatest contribution to Christ's work?
 - Bruce Barton wrote, "Jesus brought forth men's greatest efforts by the promise of obstacles not rewards." What does that statement do for you?