



Titus Ten – Chapter #1

Dominion

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Welcome & Announcements:



- **Welcome & First-Time Guests:** Good morning, fellas. Thanks for coming!
 - Any new men this morning? Please join my table, for an orientation.
 - Add your name to the sign-up sheet; use the QR code to signup online.
- **As Announced - Small Groups Re-Shuffle Today:** Thank you for your grace!
 - Small groups are key focus of this study; we reshuffled groups to:
 1. Accommodate your work or family schedules, commitments, etc.
 2. Improve continuity in leaders and promote group participation.
 - If your group doesn't work for you, contact me, and we'll work it out.
 - Truly want every man committed and comfortable communicating.
- **Embracing Destiny Foundation:** Meets IN 2 WEEKS (26-April).
- **Axe Throwing Event:** (Invite-a-Friend Event) – IN 1 MONTH (May 10)
- **Titus Ten – Introduce Facilitator: Noel R. Vincent**
 - Today's Chapter #1: Dominion – Should have read the chapter.
 - Please see Pastor Jason Irwin for your books - \$12 cash or pay online.

Date	Chapter	Topic	Brief Description	Facilitator
29-Mar-25	Introduction	Overview	Summary of Titus; explanation of the study.	Vincent, Sr.
12-Apr-25	1	Dominion	Every man's realms of responsibility and authority.	Vincent, Sr.
26-Apr-25	2	Gospel	How the Gospel leads us out of broken manhood.	Nelson
10-May-25	3	Identity	Unraveling the confusion over our identity as men.	Macari
24-May-25	4	Assignments	Fulfilling our assignments in the seasons of life.	Turcotte
07-Jun-25	5	Authority	The right and responsibility to act vs. passivity.	Irwin
21-Jun-25	6	Character	What makes a manly man?	Vincent, Jr.
12-Jul-25	7	Doctrine	Men of doctrine and duty: How else can we lead?	Maloney
26-Jul-25	8	Mission	Understanding and prioritizing God's mission.	Southerlan
09-Aug-25	9	Zeal	Our misdirected passions.	Land
23-Aug-25	10	Investments	Iron Sharpens Iron: Investing in one another.	Schaer
06-Sep-25	Wrap Up	Direction	Direction vs. distance: Which does God prefer?	Vincent, Sr.

*** Start the Recorder ***

Introduction: Today, we will be covering Chapter #1 of our study through the book, *The Titus Ten: Foundations for Godly Manhood*. The subject of today's chapter is dominion.

- **Our outline for today will be as follows:**

- We'll ask 2 discussion questions about your reflections on the last topic.
- I will walk us through a brief summary of Chapter #1: Dominion.
- We'll view a 12-minute video from the author, Josh Smith, on our topic.
- Break into our new reshuffled small groups for discussion and prayer.

- **A few quick points on your small group time:**

- Men:
 1. This study is geared toward emphasizing the small group.
 2. Please take notes, pray earnestly for the man on your left.
- Leaders:
 1. Please give each man an opportunity to answer each question.
 2. Keep your eye on the clock, and keep things moving.
 3. Avoid doing a wrap-up prayer, and allow time for each man to pray.

The author's objective, and ours, is to build up godly men in our church to help carry the burdens of leadership, to serve well in the behind-the-scenes work, to meet the ministry needs of the church, and to faithfully lead and serve our own families. God wants to grow us and mature us and strengthen us and use us to advance His Kingdom and glorify His Name. Let's open with prayer toward those goals and get started on the lesson.

Opening Prayer: _____.

Group Discussion – Reflection Questions:

- What does it mean to be a man? What is your definition based on?
- What biblical character, other than Christ, can you identify with? Why?
- How does that character represent godly manhood?

Chapter Overview:

- Modern masculinity and manhood is a distortion of God's original intentions.
 - The fleshly desires and failures of our fallen natures have built a culture around us that calls good evil and evil good.
 - Masculinity is considered toxic. Yet, toxic feminism has become the new paradigm. The loudest voices in our culture demand feminine men. We are under attack, and the only way to fight back is with godly manhood.
 - Mankind was created for relationship with God, and to live under his authority in dominion over the earth.
 - *"God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'"* Gen 1:28
 - Before The Fall of Man, when Adam and Eve sinned, mankind (male and female) was jointly given this dominion, and with distinctive roles – the male as leader, the female as help-mate. There was no pride, no guile, no sin, no "battle of the sexes". They lived in peaceful, tranquil harmony.
 - After The Fall, their hearts became corrupted, and God's intentions for their relationships with Him and with each other became grossly distorted.
 - We're told that, after The Fall, women would now seek to control their husbands, and that men would have to struggle to fulfill their roles as husbands and leaders in the home.
1. *"To the woman He said... Yet your desire will be for your husband [to rule over him], And he shall rule over you."* Gen 3:16

- To fully understand Gen 3:16, in the very next chapter (Gen 4) regarding Cain's imminent murder of his brother Abel, God warned Cain that if he refused to offer the proper sacrifice (a lamb/blood sacrifice, not the product of his own farming efforts/works) like his brother, Abel, did, then sin would seek to control him, and he would have to struggle to master sin and not be ruled by it.
 1. This is the exact, verbatim phrase God used in Genesis 3:16 regarding women seeking to control their husbands, and husbands being caught up in a struggle to fulfill their roles and lead.
 2. God said to Cain, *"If you do well [offer the proper sacrifice and refrain from murdering you brother, Abel], will your face not be cheerful? And if you do not do well, sin is lurking at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."*
- In our areas of assigned dominion as men, we are to live sacrificially for those around us within our circles of influence.
 - The church, the home, and the workplace are three primary domains in which God has assigned dominion in every man's life.
 - But a fourth dominion is actually our first – the flesh. Godly manhood begins with self-control over our own flesh.
 - Within the domain of our local **church** is where we learn to be godly men who sacrificially lead and serve in our homes and workplaces.
 1. You might say, we should learn that at home.
 2. Agreed, but only if we have godly Christian parents, who themselves are committed to a local body of believers, and raise us in that context.
 - Within the domain of our **home/family** our church life must be at the center.
 1. That's the context in which we raise our families. If as men we fail to prioritize church life (for sports, travel, work, building a business, hobbies, even family), we neglect the proper training ground God gave us for our families.
 - a. You single young men, pay attention!
 2. A poor commitment to our church life is a slippery slope because it trains our families that other things are more important than being active, committed members of a local body of believers. If we train them in such a way, then that is what they will demand of us.
 - a. You single young men, pay attention!
 3. God wants men who's commitments are their church life, and other things are scheduled around it; not vice-versa. Church life should not be worked into our social life, it should be the center of our social life.
 - a. You single young men, pay attention!
 4. My mother-in-law, Maggie, used to say your church friends are your best friends. In nearly 40 years of walking with the Lord, I have learned that to be true.
 - a. You single young men, pay attention!

- Within the domain of our **work/business/vocation**, we are to provide for our families, submit to authority, work for the good of others, set an example, and bear the image of Christ.
 1. In this context, we can be faithful witnesses for Him.
 2. We can drive our plows by working hard, sacrificially, faithfully.
 3. We can wield our swords – our faith and the Word of God are either tarnished or polished by our work ethic:
 - a. Don't be on time, be early.
 - b. Don't work hard, be the hardest worker on your team.
 - c. If you're in leadership, lead with humility and a servant's heart.
 - d. Whether you own the business or work there, be generous, courteous, respectful, and kind to your colleagues and those who report to you.
 - e. Always be raising the bar; always be going the extra mile.

Questions or Comments?

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Small Groups