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Get tactical about your day. Begin by reading and meditating on Scripture. Then make a daily planner that helps you identify goals and targets, sets your mind on track at the beginning of each day, and helps you reflect at the end of the day on how you have succeeded or failed in these objectives.

This may be a helpful pattern to follow, adjust according to your needs. Take the chart and use it to visualize yourself serving others, making decisions for their good, using yourself as an instrument for the greatest good. Then pray for courage, endurance, guidance, and forgiveness. Finally, greet the day.

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Grow as a Man

Find mentors

Hear the martyrs

Practice sacrifice

Cultivate satisfaction

Be present. Quit escaping.

Keep going

Aim for significance.

Make things.

For Fathers

Raise you sons to be good men.

Raise your daughters to desire good men.

Love the mother of your children.

Cultivate a growth mind-set.

Have a family altar.

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More than a list for how to be a good man, you need Jesus to be your Savior. Then, with his perfect righteousness, His genuine masculinity, His sacrificial love credited to you, you finally are what you set out to be at the beginning of this retreat – a good man. The gift of perfection that Jesus gives both completes and enables your quest for masculinity. His forgiveness makes you a good man. And it enables you to venture out and work on being of service to those you're called to love and serve.

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