

MANLY CHRISTIANITY

Study Guide

Chapter 1: Moses – Avoiding Compromise

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 11:25–26 – “Choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin... considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Moses chose suffering over comfort. Where are you currently choosing comfort over obedience?
2. What “Egypt” (status, money, approval, security) are you holding onto that competes with Christ?
3. Practically, what does it look like for you to “see Him who is unseen” during your week?
4. Where are you tempted to soften truth to avoid conflict?
5. Do you fear man more than God? Where does that show up?
6. Where are you avoiding hard conversations or actions because of consequences?
7. Are you known as someone who stands firm or someone who blends in?
8. What would it actually cost you right now to live fully uncompromised?
9. How do you typically respond when obedience leads to discomfort or loss?
10. What needs to change this week so you can honestly say: “I will prefer Christ over compromise”?

Chapter 2: Jether – Cultivating Strength

Memory Verse:

Ephesians 6:10 – “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Jether had a sword but wouldn't use it. Where do you have knowledge but lack action?
2. What areas of your life expose internal weakness under pressure?

3. Where might you be succeeding publicly but neglecting what matters most privately?
4. If you're a father or mentor, are you intentionally training others or assuming they'll figure it out?
5. What does being "strong in the Lord" actually look like in your daily routine?
6. Are you actively training yourself in Scripture, or just consuming it occasionally?
7. Where have you shrunk back when you should have stepped up?
8. What would a spiritually "battle-ready" version of you look like?
9. Who are you actively disciplining right now? If no one, what's the real reason?
10. What specific habits do you need to build to move from passive to prepared?

Chapter 3: Peter – Embracing Persecution

Memory Verse:

Acts 5:41 – "Rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name."

Discussion Questions:

1. When you face criticism or rejection, what is your default reaction?
2. Do you expect opposition for your faith, or are you trying to avoid it?
3. Do you view suffering as loss or as part of your calling?
4. Where are you compromising to stay accepted by others?
5. If following Christ cost you your reputation or income, would you stay firm?
6. What does it mean to endure hardship without becoming discouraged?
7. Are you more concerned with being respected or being faithful?
8. How do you respond when you are misunderstood or falsely accused?
9. What role does fear play in your silence about your faith?
10. What needs to change in your mindset to endure hardship without backing down?

Chapter 4: King Saul – Obeying Orders

Memory Verse:

1 Samuel 15:22 – "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Discussion Questions:

1. Where are you partially obeying instead of fully obeying God?
2. What excuses do you make for disobedience?
3. Are you quick to take responsibility or shift blame?
4. Where has pride started creeping into your life?
5. What "small" sin are you tolerating that could grow into something bigger?

6. Do you care more about how you look or about actually being obedient?
7. When confronted, do you repent quickly or defend yourself?
8. Where are you trying to justify disobedience with “good intentions”?
9. What areas are you delaying in obeying God?
10. What does full obedience look like for you right now?

Chapter 5: Noah – Sobering Lessons

Memory Verse:

Genesis 6:22 – “Thus Noah did; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Noah obeyed in a world that rejected God. Where do you feel pressure to conform?
2. Are you willing to stand alone in abstinence from alcohol?
3. What distractions keep you from long-term faithfulness?
4. Do you take sin seriously or casually?
5. Where are you building something that honors God vs. something temporary?
6. What would radical obedience look like in your life?
7. Are you leading your household toward righteousness?
8. Where are you compromising because “everyone else is doing it”?
9. How do you stay consistent when results aren’t immediate?
10. What needs to change so your life reflects long-term obedience?

Chapter 6: Eli – Needing Discipline

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 12:11 – “All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Where are you tolerating sin instead of confronting it?
2. Do you avoid hard conversations to keep peace?
3. Where have you failed to lead when you should have stepped in?
4. Are you passive in areas that require strength?
5. How do you respond to correction in your own life?
6. Where is discipline lacking in your home or personal life?
7. Do you fear man’s reaction more than God’s standard?
8. What consequences have come from avoiding discipline?

9. Where do you need to take responsibility and act?
10. What does biblical leadership require from you right now?

Chapter 7: Joshua – Modeling Moses

Memory Verse:

Joshua 1:9 – “Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Who are you modeling your life after right now?
2. Are you leading with courage or hesitation?
3. Where do you need to step into leadership instead of waiting?
4. What fears are holding you back from obedience?
5. Are you consistent in God’s Word daily?
6. Where are you drifting from what you know is right?
7. Do others see strength and conviction in you?
8. Where do you need to take initiative?
9. What does courageous obedience look like this week?
10. How can you lead others more intentionally?

Chapter 8: Nehemiah – Overcoming Opposition

Memory Verse:

Nehemiah 4:14 – “Do not be afraid... remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What opposition are you currently facing?
2. How do you typically respond—retreat or engage?
3. Are you easily discouraged when things get hard?
4. Where do distractions pull you off mission?
5. How do you stay focused when criticized?
6. Are you building something meaningful or just staying busy?
7. Who is helping you stay accountable?
8. Where do you need thicker skin?
9. What would persistence look like in your current challenge?
10. What does it look like to “fight” faithfully right now?

Chapter 9: Eleazar – Fighting Philistines

Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 16:13 – “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

Discussion Questions:

1. Where do you need to stand firm instead of backing down?
2. What battles are you avoiding?
3. Do you quit when things get difficult?
4. Where is perseverance lacking in your life?
5. What does it mean for you to “act like a man” biblically?
6. Where are you giving ground that you should be holding?
7. How do you respond when you’re exhausted but the fight isn’t over?
8. What strengthens your endurance?
9. Where do you need to push through instead of giving up?
10. What battle do you need to engage in right now?

Chapter 10: Jesus – Bearing Sin

Memory Verse:

Luke 9:23 – “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”

Discussion Questions:

1. What does denying yourself actually look like in your daily life?
2. Where are you still holding onto control instead of surrendering?
3. What cross are you currently avoiding?
4. Do you follow Christ when it’s hard or only when it’s convenient?
5. Where does selfishness show up most in your life?
6. What does sacrificial love look like in your relationships?
7. Are you living for comfort or obedience?
8. How does Christ’s sacrifice reshape your priorities?
9. What needs to die in your life so Christ can be fully followed?
10. What is one concrete step you will take this week to follow Christ more faithfully?