

SESSION #9

JOURNEYMEN: WHAT DEPRAVITY MEANS SPECIFICALLY FOR MEN

A REVIEW OF WHAT DEPRAVITY MEANS, IN GENERAL:

1. We are all dysfunctional by nature.
2. Most of my real problems in life are inside of me, not outside of me.
3. Depravity cannot be eradicated by education, environment, self-understanding, or will-power.
4. We attempt to cover our depravity with all kinds of sophisticated masks.
5. We must not trust ourselves.
6. Admitting my depravity is the first step in finding God.
7. Progress in godliness is marked by an increasing apprehension of the depth and extent of my depravity.

WHAT DEPRAVITY MEANS, IN SPECIFIC, FOR MEN:

A. AN INTERPRETIVE METHOD.

B. THREE PRINCIPLES DERIVED.

1. Men have a natural tendency to avoid domestic responsibility.
2. Men tend to rule wrongly over women and children.

3. Men tend to get lost in careers and lose sight of their transcendent cause.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What kind of mask has your depravity worn? Ex: my procrastination isn't sin it's just the "laid-back" aspect of my special temperament with which I was born.
2. Which of the three masculine characteristics of depravity do you struggle with most? Explain.
3. What personal insights have you gained about depravity and how it affects you?

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