

Great Men like the  
**New England Patriots**

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TOM BRADY



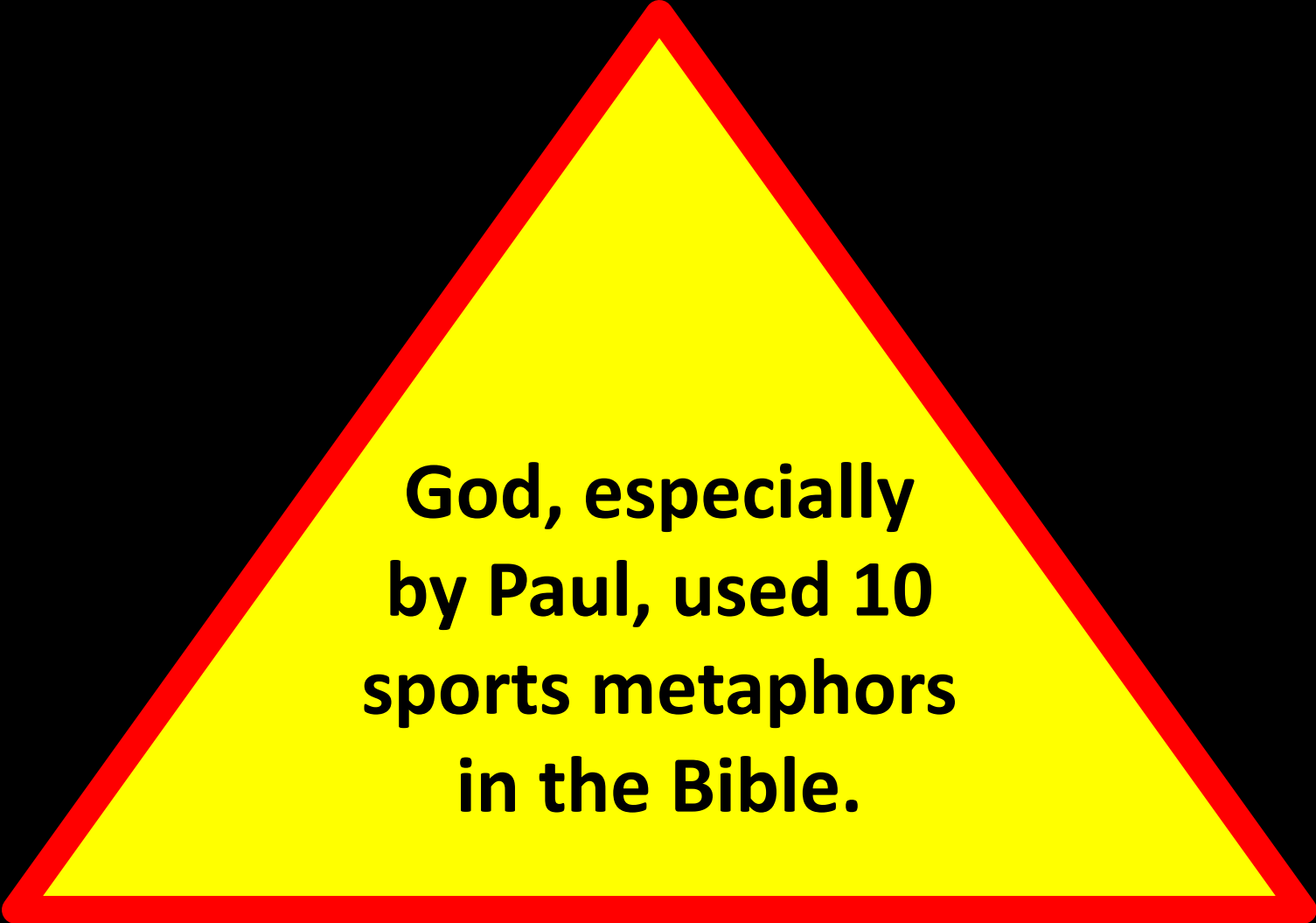
***Tom Brady won AFC championship, again.***

***He goes to the Super Bowl for the 8<sup>th</sup> time.***

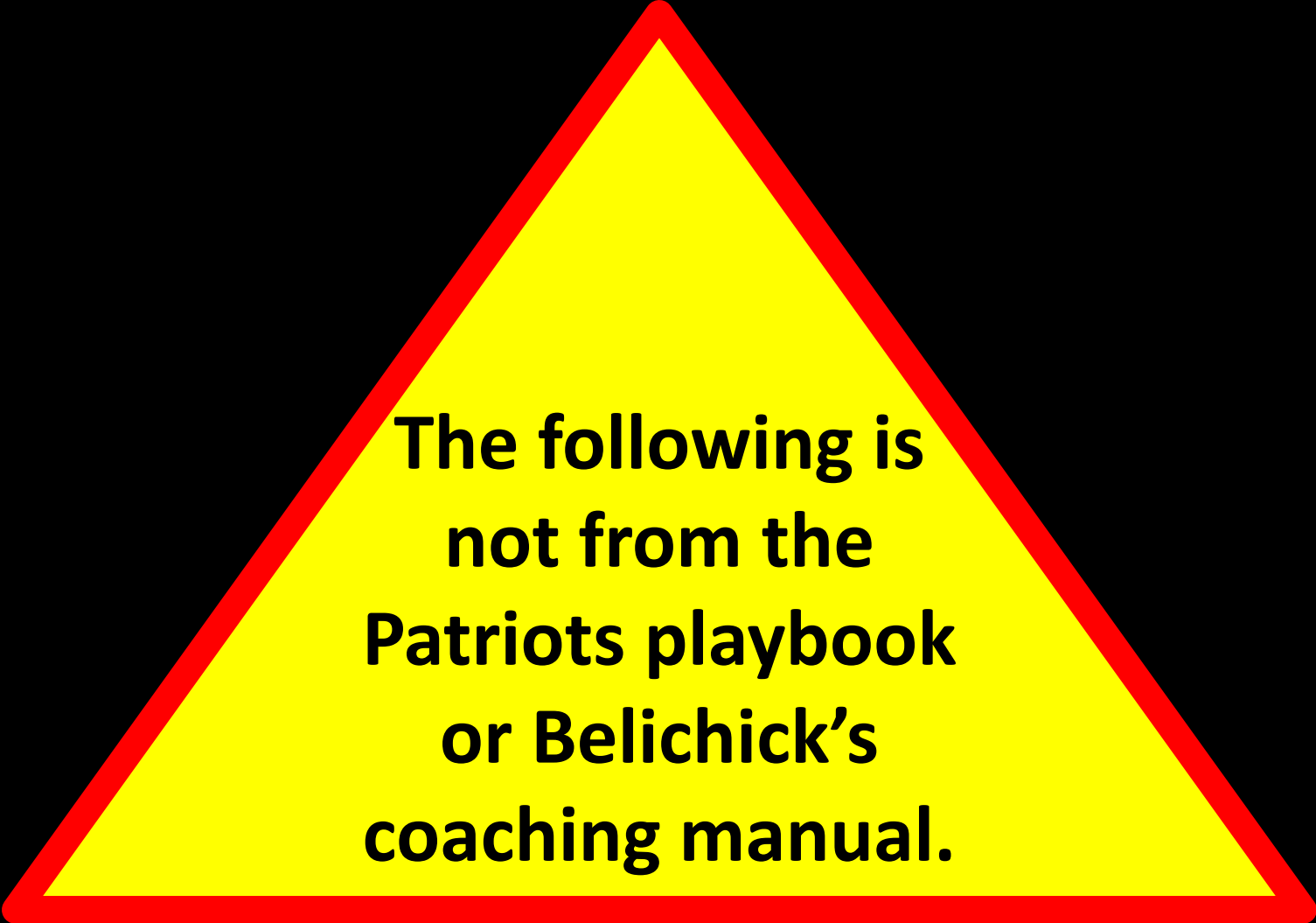
***He brought his team from behind 54<sup>th</sup> time.***

***He gives 18 hours per day to be the best.***

***He is 40 years old and the NFL G.O.A.T.***



**God, especially  
by Paul, used 10  
sports metaphors  
in the Bible.**



**The following is  
not from the  
Patriots playbook  
or Belichick's  
coaching manual.**


**24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.**

**25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.**

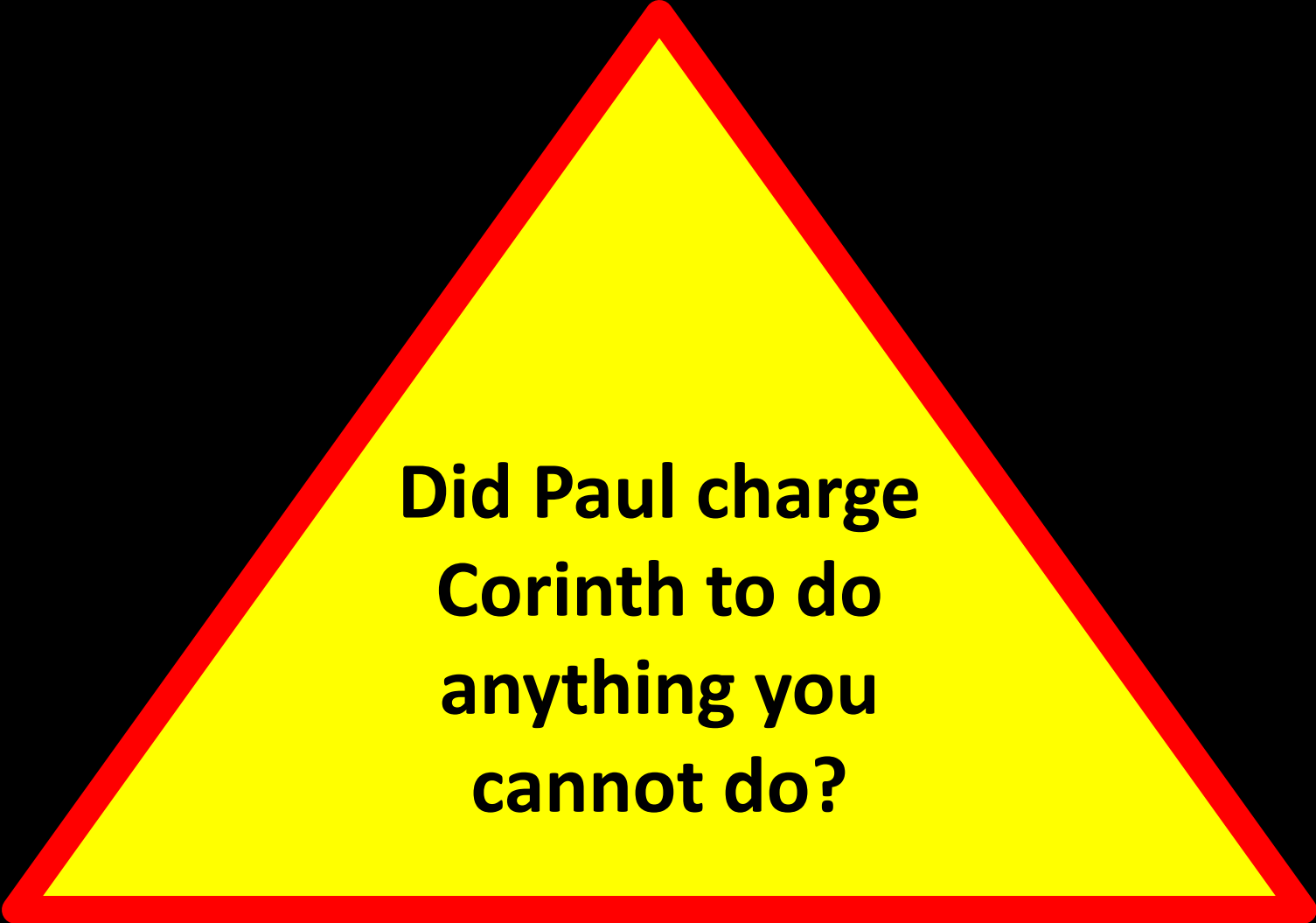
**26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:**

**27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.**

**I Corinthians 9:24-27**

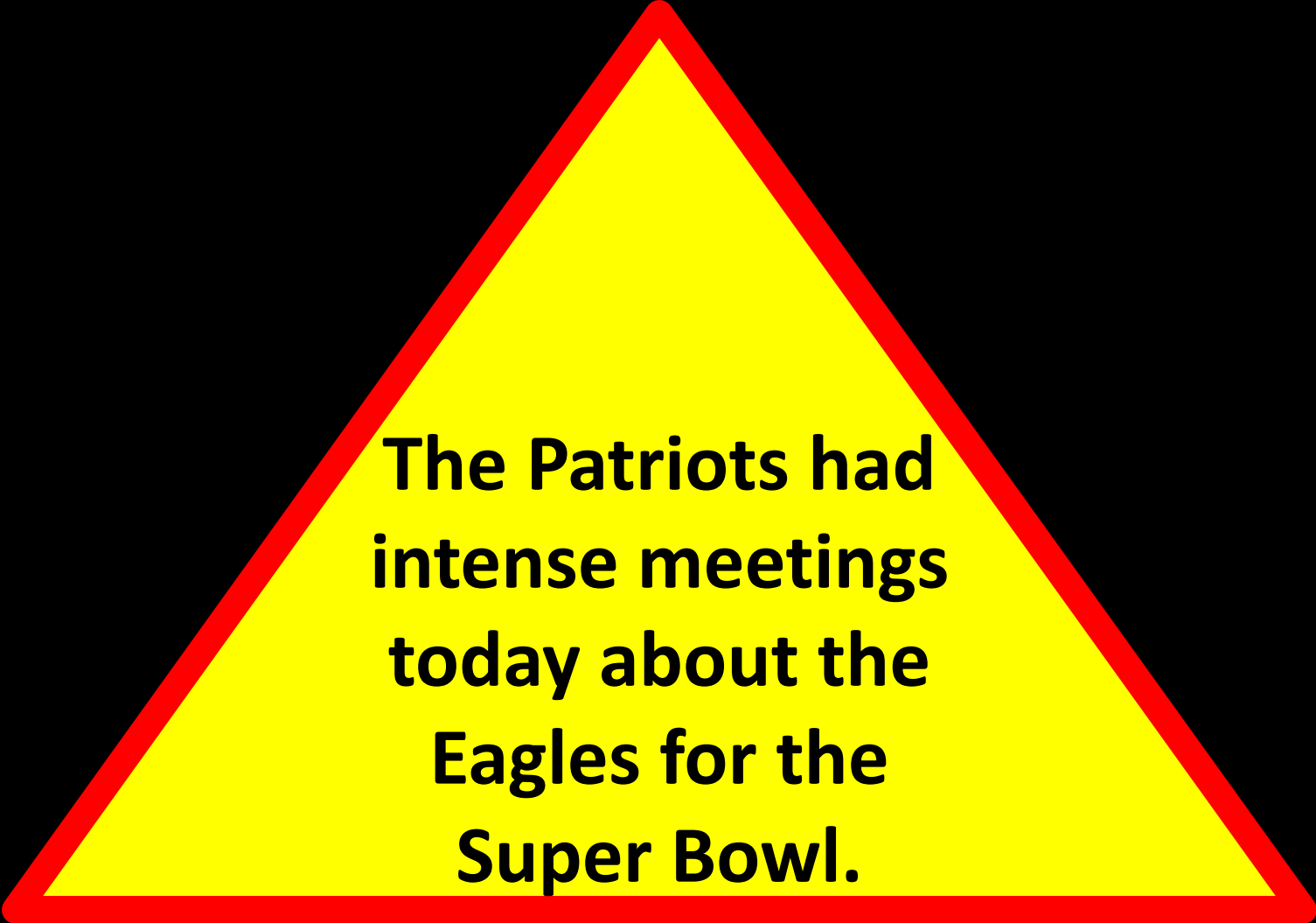
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**Paul pressed  
Corinth to live  
like world class  
athletes.**




**Did Paul charge  
Corinth to do  
anything you  
cannot do?**






**The Patriots had  
intense meetings  
today about the  
Eagles for the  
Super Bowl.**



**We have this  
intense men's  
meeting to be the  
best for God.**

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Job 1:8



**Did Job do  
anything you  
cannot do?**


# Great Men

# Great Men (1)

- Are exceptional ... they are not like other men.
- They ignore what is easy ... they do what is right.
- They always learn and change ... to get better.
- They exceed parents ... by leveraging off them.
- They are focused every day to do what is right.


## Great Men (2)

- They are totally committed to God and kingdom.
- Their children should be even better Christians.
- Their wives should be greatly honored and loved.
- Their exploits are trees of life over libraries of truth.
- They have fruit in souls outside of family only.




**How will we  
measure our  
progress and  
achievements?**




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valid standards.**



**GROW IN FAVOR**  
**WITH BOTH GOD**  
**AND MEN.**


**(1 Sam 2:26; Prov 3:4; Luke 2:52).**




**This means the  
Bible approves all  
parts of your life.**

Therefore I esteem all thy precepts  
concerning all things to be right; and I hate  
every false way.

Psalm 119:128



**This means you  
are loved more  
and more ... by  
more godly men.**

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**Other earthly  
measures are  
deceitful and  
destructive.**

A good name is rather to be chosen than  
great riches, and loving favour rather than  
silver and gold.

Proverb 22:1

**20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.**

**21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.**


**22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.**

**Philippians 2:20-22**




**Which was well reported of by the brethren  
that were at Lystra and Iconium.**

**Acts 16:2**



**Your priorities  
and the details  
have been given.**


<http://www.letgodbetruer.com/pdf/a-mighty-man.pdf>



**Let us consider a  
few varied ways  
to be greater.**

# You Can Do This!

- Bill Belichick would say... *Just do your job, guys.*
- It is not ability ... but choice and commitment.
- In this generation, it is easier than the AFC East!
- Some sordid and weak men made it to Heb 11.
- Jesus Christ has given us the example and power!



**Forget the past!  
Start over again!  
God forgives you!  
Defeat is devilish!**

# Walk with God

- This is a personal relationship with God at all times.
- It clearly includes sober Bible reading and prayer.
- It emphasizes the relationship over doctrine alone.
- Take time to love and communicate daily with Him.
- This by itself is worth little, hypocritical, distracting.

**And Enoch walked with God: and he was  
not; for God took him.**

**Genesis 5:24**

**By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.**

**Hebrews 11:5**



# Peacemakers

- Simplest way ... *overlook, forgive, forget, love, etc.*
- What is the cause of all strife? ... Only pride (Pr 13:10).
- Whose pride? ... Always yours! ... you can end strife!
- Great men make peace unless plain sin against God.
- Pride = selfishness ... selflessness suffers defrauding.

**Only by pride cometh contention: but with  
the well advised is wisdom.**


**Proverbs 13:10**

**A soft answer turneth away wrath: but  
grievous words stir up anger.**

**Proverbs 15:1**

**By long forbearing is a prince persuaded,  
and a soft tongue breaketh the bone.**

**Proverbs 25:15**



**Peacemaking is  
exalted in the  
Bible. It is  
glorious!**

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;  
and it is his glory to pass over a  
transgression.

Proverbs 19:11

**Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?**

**I Corinthians 6:7**

# Promote Kingdom Service

- Recall two duties ... *I am third* ... Jesus, Others, You.
- God's first two commands – are key for a downline.
- Get your wife outside herself and selfish thoughts.
- Get children outside themselves and selfish pride.
- The church will benefit ... but your family will also.



**31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.**

**32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:**

**33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.**


**I Corinthians 10:31-33**

**26 But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;**


**27 And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:**

**28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.**

**Matthew 20:26-28**

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growth of any  
character, so  
train it out!**



**Train in love,  
help, and service  
to others!**

# Eugene the Engineer

- These types are good for bridge design, airplanes, etc.
- They are black-n-white, dutiful, perfunctory, dull, etc.
- They stunt romance, passion, relationships, feelings.
- Structure and consistency are okay but also harmful.
- How much of your wife's heart do you really have?

**Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant  
roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times;  
and be thou ravished always with her love.**

**Proverbs 5:19**

And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife.

Genesis 26:8

**Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.**

**Song of Solomon 8:7**



# Stud of Zeruiah


- Harsh, hard, over-the-top, extreme, volatile, cruel.
- David used them ... but resented them & killed one.
- Jesus used them ... but had to correct them publicly.
- They think manliness is loud, impatient, demanding.
- They cannot understand David or Jesus weeping.

**And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.**

**II Samuel 3:39**

**But he turned, and rebuked them, and said,  
Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**

**Luke 9:55**



**Isn't Elijah's  
spirit exalted  
in the Bible,  
for the Baptist?**



**Yes!**  
**In the right  
context for the  
right reasons!**

# Bob the Blogger

- Why do you send verses or devotions to other men?
- Is everything in your life perfect with God and men?
- If not, your words are foolish pride and/or hypocrisy.
- If not, you are using it to excuse your disobedience.
- Great men take care of themselves before teaching.

**My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.**

**James 3:1**

**Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.**

**Proverbs 20:11**



# Heady Hal

- Haste ... in matters outside clear Bible duties ... is sin.
- Slow down. Folly rushes ahead. Satan urges you to it.
- Don't get angry fast – the Bible condemns it.
- Don't criticize quickly – the Bible condemns it.
- You will do better the next day, the next week, etc.

Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

Proverbs 19:2

**He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.**

**Proverbs 16:32**

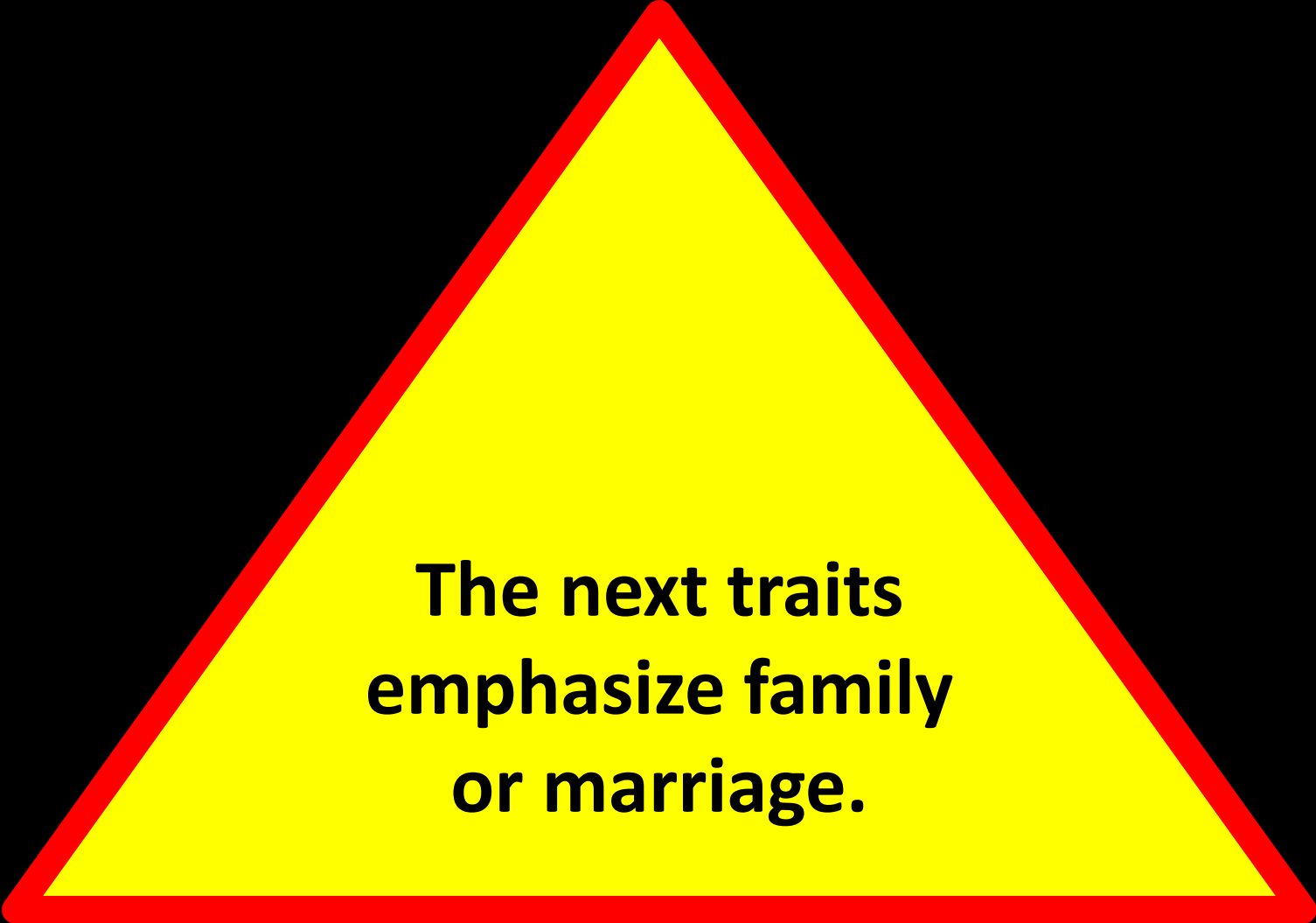
**He that answereth a matter before he heareth  
it, it is folly and shame unto him.**

**Proverbs 18:13**

# Being Yourself?

- Stop being yourself ... please God and others instead.
- Great men are conventional ... so hate odd habits.
- Jesus Christ and Paul are the goals ... not you as you.
- Paul was made all things to all men for 3 reasons!
- Your peculiarities rob influence, gospel, trajectory, etc.

<u>GOOD</u>	<u>TRAIT</u>	<u>BAD</u>
David & Daniel	<b>KEEP HEART</b>	Saul & Demas
Paul	<b>LOVE</b>	Eliphaz & Jonah
Stephanas	<b>SERVICE</b>	John Mark
Araunah	<b>GENEROUS</b>	Judas
Cornelius	<b>INFLUENCE</b>	Lot
Daniel	<b>TEMPERATE</b>	Samson
Joseph	<b>SEX</b>	Amnon



**The next traits  
emphasize family  
or marriage.**


**Every decision you  
make affects your  
wife. Every one!**

**Think about it!**



# Family Pride

- Do not think your children are special – they are not.
- You stunt your greatness by promoting family pride.
- Your haughty children think they deserve popularity.
- This air is ungodly and repulsive, but you can't see it.
- You will believe your children to easily criticize others.
- Who said your family liberty is better than any other?

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up for your kids  
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# Life and Love Teacher

- Doctrine – as we call it – is only part of knowledge.
- Teach and encourage your wife in winning graces.
- Teach and encourage children by simple Bible stories.
- Give them real assignments – love, service, talk, etc.
- Hard and/or long devotions can crush love of God.

# Communication

- God and Paul praised much – think of Romans 16!
- Does your wife exactly know your priorities for her?
- Are you easy with give and take for her to open up?
- Are you emotionally vulnerable in family discussions?
- Do you answer questions ... or assume ... or ignore?

# Moody Mike

- Discourages, frightens wife and children by moods.
- Does not rule his spirit so undermines trust in him.
- Degrades the home by being different than in public.
- Has never told his wife how to pursue or help him.
- Rebuffs her efforts if she tries to help or pursue him.

# Misguided Zeal

- Thinks leadership is yelling and forcing submission.
- Seldom allows mistakes; neglects pity God gives him.
- Too much activity for peaceful, pleasant relaxation.
- Expects good grades but advances little himself.
- Overdoes discipline to discourage or anger children.

# Hate Comfort Zones

- All men have things they like more or less. So what!
- Tom had 12 stitches in throwing hand and no Gronk!
- Real sacrifices to God will cost you ... that is ***COST!***
- Procrastination is always comfortable ... but hate it!
- Schedule your discomfort and do it with zeal for God.

# Does Your Wife Trust You?

- Can she tell you her emotions ... or will you preach?
- Can she trust you with secrets ... or do you tell them?
- Can she trust you with health ... or are you a doctor?
- Can she trust you in sex ... without porn or fantasies?
- Can she trust you financially ... for prudent mgmt?



# Home Hypocrisy

- You want her to lose weight but you are overweight.
- You go out with the guys but expect childcare 24/7.
- You take off after 8 hours ... but allow her no break.
- You sleep in when you need or want to ... but not her.
- You bring her to church here ... but do not live it.

# Man's Day & Night Out

- You love to get with other men ... but neglect wife.
- Solve it this way ... stay home for a carpet love picnic.
- Solve it this way ... send her out with cash & friends.
- Is it you don't like your wife? ... or needed tonight?
- Brotherly love is okay ... but a wife needs investment.

# Two-Faced Tom

- Tells his wife she may ... and then punishes her for it.
- Should your boss give permission ... but punish you?
- You give her money ... then talk about being broke.
- She attends a brunch ... but you make her feel guilty.
- She visits her parents ... but you call it deserting you.

# Cruel Confidant

- His wife opens her heart ... but he has stuff to do.
- His wife opens her heart ... so he preaches to her.
- You ask for her opinion ... but then call it stupid.
- She quickly learns to keep silent ... and you lose.
- You lose now with her ... and when you meet God.



**These men had  
meetings and  
workouts!**



***This is the New England Patriots team room.***

***Matthew Slater is best special teams in NFL.***

***See Malcolm Butler the CB in the front row.***

***These men have men's meetings to be best.***

***We had a men's meeting to be best for God.***





***This is New England Patriot's sideline in game.***

***Dante Scarnecchia is best NFL O-line coach.***

***He is a perfectionist with massive men.***

***Nate Solder (#77) is 6'8" and 320 pounds.***

***They make a pocket for Tom Brady to throw.***




***This is 39-year-old James Harrison, OLB or DE.***

***He came to New England from Pittsburg.***


***He is strongest man in the NFL, some say.***

***He lifted that night after AFC championship!***

***He works out more than most to be his best.***



**We also had a  
meeting and have  
some things to  
work out!**




**Our work is  
win-win-win ...  
now and in  
eternity.**




**Our Captain is the  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

(no picture)



**He chose us for  
His team and has  
fully equipped us  
for greatness!**



**He guarantees  
final victory and  
eternal rewards!**



# For Further Study

- Mighty Man's Life ... slides ... <http://www.letgodbetrue.com/pdf/managing-your-life.pdf>.
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