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*“The beginning of wisdom is this:
Get wisdom.” - Proverbs 4:7*

How to be humble when you're successful.

Mark said, “As men, we often orient our identity around what we do at work, and often our success leads to pride and our failure leads to shame. However, our true identity is found in being a steward for the Master.”

1 Corinthians 4:2

It is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men... It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

✓ Have you been tempted to measure your identity by your level of success? If so, how?

How to ask for help.

Mark discussed the idea of “reverse mentoring” - listening to those “ahead of you, around you, and behind you . . . even if they’re younger than you.”

Proverbs 1:5

Let the wise listen and add to their learning,
and let the discerning get guidance.

- ✓ **Do you find it difficult or easy to ask others for help? Why or why not?**

How to steward your gifts.

Mark said, “Stewardship is managing all of the gifts God has given you - not just the financial ones.”

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

- ✓ **How has God gifted you, and how can you use those gifts to honor Him?**

How to share your faith at work.

Mark discussed how to express your faith at work in a loving and understanding way, looking for opportunities to be invited into spiritual conversations.

1 Peter 3:15

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

At MANUP, we say it this way, "Anybody can argue with your theory, but nobody can argue with your testimony."

Psalm 107:2

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story.

- ✓ **What has God done in your life that is compelling enough to share with others?**

How to have a relationship with God.

Mark emphasized the importance of having a relationship WITH God, and not just knowing ABOUT God, and the need to pursue Him with other men in community.

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

- ✓ **What are some practices that have helped you build a relationship with God?**

Final scriptures.

Isaiah 40:31

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

- ✓ **So, what's your next right step?**