

## Top Reasons Why Men Stumble and Fall

- 1. Isolation From Others**----Are you honest and open with one or more men? Well you're not alone; often men have a tendency to hide in a superficial kind of living. Often we are HIDING from OURSELVES and OTHERS. Learn the secret..... REAL MEN are OPEN and HONEST with other safe GODLY men. *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."* Proverbs 27:17 NIV
- 2. Very Proudful in Life**----Do you have a tendency to have a "know-it-all" kind of attitude to your wife and others in life? Know that the beginning to wisdom is to learn you don't have it all together and that's OK. The beginning to wisdom and discernment is to have a very HUMBLE ATTITUDE towards God and others in life. *"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall."* Proverbs 16:18 NIV
- 3. Have No Boundaries in Life**---- Learn to set clear cut boundaries with yourself and others in life in a loving manner in life. To just say "yes" all the time and be a people pleaser is not the answer. Learn it's OK to SAY "NO" and what is most important..... learn to be CONFORABLE in YOUR OWN SKIN, in your LOVING WORDS and ACTIONS of "NO". *"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways."* Proverbs 4:25-26 NIV
- 4. Lack of Honesty in ALL Areas of Your Life**----Do you share ALL areas of your life? Or do you have NO go zones in your life? This is where you have pockets in your life which you do not share honestly with others. Do you say; "Oh...no one will ever know"? Examples: Might be in an affair you're currently having or had in the past. Or...maybe it's websites that you go to alone at night when no one is looking. *"All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD. Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."* Proverbs 16:2-3 NIV
- 5. Lack of Godly Men in Your Life**----Are you in a men's group with other safe men? REAL MEN get honest and real among the company of other men. It has been said..... "If you're not in a crisis now, well it is a matter of time before you will be!" God has designed us to be in connection with other Godly men, where we can get REAL, OPEN and HONEST, to share our feelings and challenges.
- 6. Lack of Mentoring by Other Men**----Do you currently have any mentors in your life? If you're not most likely you're not growing. The best place to be is where you're SANDWICHED in between other Godly men around you, where you're getting fed and GROWING on a weekly basis. Examples: Individual counseling, OLDER GODLY MEN in your life, pastor or lay pastor that you have a connect with. Often you can have SEVERAL MEN in your life that can do some sort of mentoring or give you a guiding pathway to success. It is so much easier to learn from others mistakes! *"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed"* Proverbs 15:22 NIV
- 7. No Prayerful Alone Time With God**----Learn that you can learn some very valuable lessons in life if we implement the habit of a DAILY QUIET time with GOD. You will really be surprised what God can share with you in the STILLNESS of 15-20 minutes in your day. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."* Proverbs 1:7 NIV