



HELPING MEN LIVE LIVES OF INTEGRITY AND HONOR

HOAW Newsletter

If I could follow you around for a few weeks without your knowledge and simply observe your behavior I could predict with a great deal of accuracy what you truly believe and value. I wouldn't need to hear what you say, only observe how you live. We can only live a contrived persona for a time before we ultimately fall back to our true persona. It takes a great deal of energy to live a life not really our own. Who we truly are at the core will emerge when our strength wanes trying to portray someone we are not. The beginning of life-changing transformation starts with an honest appraisal of who we truly are when all our defenses are dropped. The road to a transformed life begins with an accurate assessment of reality. G. Bourgond

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Ireland

by Dr. Greg Bourgond

Debby and I have just returned from 6 weeks in Ireland where we celebrated our 50th anniversary. I have posted photos on my Facebook page chronicling our daily journey.

- 1400 Miles Driven
- 100 Miles Walked
- 5 Castle Stays
- 30 Villages Visited
- 7 Lobsters Eaten
- Dozens of Gardens Admired
- Laughter Throughout

Ballynahinch Castle – 6 Day Stay



Out Cottage on the edge of Ashford Castle – 4 Weeks Stay



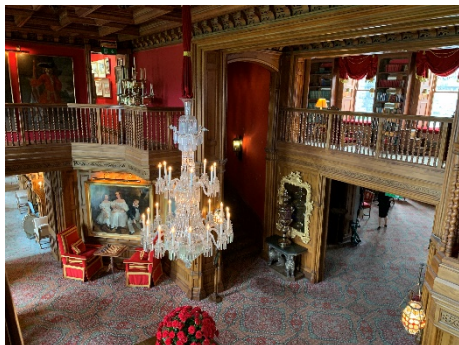
Ashford Castle



Lough Eske Castle – 1 Day Stay



Lough Rynn Castle – 2 Day Stay



Zetland Country House Hotel – 2 Day Stay



Kilronan Castle – 1 Day Stay





We are often asked about what is the secret to the longevity of our marriage.

Early on, not knowing how significant it would be, we committed to the following...

- We would never demean one another in public.
- We would never use one another as a brunt of a joke.
- We would never argue in public, only in private.
- We would never intentionally seek to emotionally hurt one another.
- We would not go to bed angry with one another.
- We would seek to honor one another publicly and privately.
- We would love one another regardless and unconditionally.
- We would seek to give each other the benefit of the doubt.
- Christ would be the center of our home.

I would like to say we were true to each of these commitments in every instance. We were not but we would recommit ourselves to these principles each time we failed.

Debby has ben and continues to be one of God's greatest gifts to me. She gives me the platform I get to dance on. I can honestly

say I would not be the man I am today without her – my love, my friend, my confidant, my sounding board, my truth barometer, and my conscience. I cannot imagine my life without her. It is too painful to consider.

Cherish you wives' men. Love her not 'if', not 'because' but 'regardless.' Out-serve your wife and expect nothing in return. Make every act of love to her an act of worship to the Lord. She just happens to be the recipient and beneficiary. You will be surprised of the result.

OPERATIONAL BELIEFS FOR MEN

I am to love my wife as God loves the church (Ephesians 5:25).

I am to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind (Matt 22:37).

Christlikeness is my objective (Eph 4:13, 15; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18).

I am to live a life worthy of His calling (Eph 4:1-2; Col 1:10).

I am to live a sober, upright and godly life (Titus 2:11-14).

The heart is to be guarded (Prov 4:23).

I am to make wise use of my time (Eph 5:15-16).

I am to expose the works of darkness (Eph 5:11).

I am to walk by the Spirit and not my flesh (Gal 5:16-26).

I am to be God's love letter to the world (2 Cor 3:2-3).

All things are to be done decently and in order (1 Cor 14:40).

I am to seek the good of my neighbor first (1 Cor 10:24).

My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:19-20).

I am not to yield to wickedness (Rom 6:12-13).

I am to never flag in zeal (Rom 12:11).

I am to live in harmony with others (Rom 12:14-21).

The truth sets us free when we obey it (Jn 8:31-32).

My highest purpose is to bring glory to God (1 Pet 2:9; Eph 1:12, 1 Cor 10:31).

I am to remember that God has raised me to a higher life (Eph 2:1-7).

In everything God works for good (Rom 8:28).

Spiritual warfare is our greatest battle (Eph 6:10-17)

OTHER NEWS



Heart of a Warrior Ministries offers four journeys you can take to become who God created you

to be.

Foundations of a Warrior (Ground Zero) helps establish strong biblical foundations for the battles ahead.

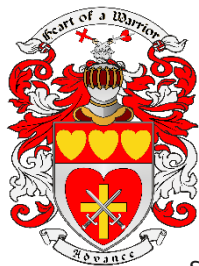
The Compass (Phase I) calibrates a warrior's heart and tunes that heart to the heart of God.

The Map (Phase II) helps men focus on what matters in accordance with their unique divine wiring.

The Guide (Phase III) develops the spiritual discipline of being mentored and mentoring others.

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www.heartofawarrior.org/journeys/

If you would like to contact me directly, email me at HOAWMinistries.com.



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Check out **The Store** on our website (www.heartofawarrior.org). There are downloadable resources you can use to lead a group through Phases I, II, or III, Foundations of a Warrior, and Bible Study Guidelines.

Websites for Men

Legacy Minded Men

www.legacymindedmen.org

Heart of a Warrior Ministries

www.Heartofawarrior.org

Church for Men

<http://churchformen.com/>

Resolute

<https://beresolute.org/>

Life Way Men

<https://blog.lifeway.com/leadingmen/>

Men's Fraternity

<http://www.mensfraternity.com/>

Man in the Mirror

<http://maninthemirror.org/>

Men with No Regrets

<http://www.menwithnoregrets.org/>

National Collision of Men's Ministries

<http://ncmm.org/>

Every Man's Battle

<https://newlife.com/emb/>

Iron Sharpens Iron

<http://ironsharpensiron.net/>

Ransomed Heart Ministries

<http://www.ransomedheart.com/>

Band of Brothers

www.bandofbrothers.org/

Man Up God's Way

<http://www.manupgodsway.org/>

Iron Works

<http://www.ironworksmen.com/>