

INGman 1

Focused Living

BECOMING AN INGman

“I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Phil 1:6



You are not superman! You are not a man of steel who is faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, nor can you leap over tall buildings in a single bound. The giant red ‘S’ on your chest is a vivid reminder that if you have received Christ, you are a **Sinner Saved** by God’s grace and a **Saint** in whom His **Spirit** lives making you one of His **Sons** as well as **Servant** (Phil 1:1). God is not looking for supermen of great strength. He is looking for men who are passionate to grow strong in the super strength of His Spirit! He is searching for a new kind of super-hero... an **‘ING’** man. A man who is **growing** deep in his love for Christ, **maturING** in his faith, **bearING** the fruit of faithfulness, **increasING** in the knowledge of His character, **proclaimING** the forgiveness of His Son and genuinely **lovING** whoever gets in his way starting on the homefront. In short, God is seeking a man like you who is daily **changING** more into the image of Christ. Question is, are you **willING** to become such a man? If so, step into the phone booth and let’s get started. **When was the first time you realized you were not SuperSaint? How did you respond? Why are so many men afraid of becoming an INGman?**

Each of the following passages contain several characteristics of an INGman. Work through them as a TAG team and write down some of God’s ‘ING’ expectations He wants to develop in your life.



Colossians 1:9-12 **Bearing** fruit. **Increasing** in the knowledge of God’s character. **Joyously giving** thanks. **Strengthening** with His power. **Growing** in steadfastness and patience.



Philippians 3:1, 13-14; 4:4



Romans 12:1-2



Ephesians 4:1-3, 15



II Peter 1:5-8; 3:18



John 15:1-10



Hebrews 5:11-6:1



Psalms 99:5, 9



Colossians 3:12-14



Our unchanging Creator God (Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8) **is calling you to change.** He is inviting (commanding) you to partner with Him in order to be transformed more into the image of His Son (Rom 8:29; 12:2). God wrote **Philippians** through Paul to produce INGmen: men committed to **growing**, **matur**ing, **chang**ing. This change will start with His truth in your **HEAD**, overflow into your **HEART** filled with love for Christ, work its way through available servant **HANDS** until it becomes a **HABIT** in every area of your life.

“God loves you just the way you are, but He loves you too much to let you stay that way.” We are very “confident... that He who began a good work in you will perfect (mature) it until the day of Christ Jesus” (Phil 1:6). There is just no way the Lord is going to let you go through another season without major transformations in your attitudes, actions, thoughts, priorities, relationships, motivations, goals, desires, and life-style. The Lord **IS** going to perform an extreme **sanctification** makeover in your life. So driver...MOVE THAT BUS!