

# MAN TO MAN

## Week 9: Be Productive

### Thought

Being productive is exhilarating; it's living each day on purpose. God has called us to live productive lives so that we can become everything He created us to be. Productivity requires us to leave our comfort zones and step out in faith, trusting that God has greater things in store. It also requires us to commit to the process of becoming productive, to dig in and work hard on the tasks God has put in our hands. To start, we need a plan. Let's begin by clarifying goals and identifying practical steps that will take us from where we are to where we want to be.

### Scripture

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.*  
Proverbs 16:3

*Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.*

Proverbs 21:5 (NLT)

*May He grant your heart's desires and make all your plans succeed.*  
Psalm 20:4 (NLT)

### Discussion Questions

- Using a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the lowest, how would you rate yourself on being productive? Explain your answer.
- We need to establish goals in several key areas: our relationship with the Lord, our marriage and family, our business and community relationships, our health, our finances, and our service and generosity towards others.
  - In what areas of your life do you think you have a solid plan to meet your long-term goals?
  - In what areas of your life do you feel like you are a little out of control and don't have a specific plan?
- What are some effective ways to make sure you reach your goals?

### Action Step

This week, set aside time to make a plan to increase productivity in your life. Set daily, weekly, monthly, and annual goals, and eliminate anything that is standing in your way from achieving those goals. Pray daily for wisdom, direction, and perseverance, and trust God to take you where He wants you to be.