

MEN OF THE REPUBLIC

The First Charge

A field guide to begin the Formation Path: one biblical conviction, one concrete assignment, one faithful step today.

Faithful men form what endures. Be found faithful.

Before you begin

Grace comes first.

Christ saves. Nothing in this guide earns the Father's favor. Every assignment here is one honest response to grace already given — practice, not performance.

This path does not replace your church. It exists to help you become more faithful in your household, local church, work, and community. Carlos is a fellow Christian man and author, not your pastor.

Practice One · Come Under Authority

Stop building a defense.

A man cannot carry authority faithfully while refusing authority over himself. The first movement is not proving your strength. It is coming to Christ without a defense.

“God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” — Luke 18:13

Today's assignment:

1. Name the thing you keep explaining away.
 2. Tell Christ the truth without a defense.
 3. Receive grace instead of hiding in shame.
 4. Take one observable act of obedience today.
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Where this leads

The seven movements.

This is a journey of becoming, not a list to finish. Every movement applies one biblical conviction to ordinary life and gives you one action. Start under Christ's authority, keep walking in order, and bring a faithful brother with you.

01 Come Under Authority

Stop defending yourself. Receive grace, tell Christ the truth, and obey.

02 Govern Yourself

Let Christ rule your attention, appetite, anger, words, and hidden life.

03 Build the Inner Man

Become rooted in Scripture, prayer, conviction, and dependence on the Spirit.

04 Become Trustworthy at Home

Become present, promise-keeping, repentant, and sacrificial with the people entrusted to you.

05 Stand With Brothers

Become known, correctable, rooted in a faithful church, and able to carry weight.

06 Stand and Serve Faithfully

Tell the truth, accept nearby duty, and bear cost without rage or performance.

07 Form What Endures

Build durable household practices and entrust faithfulness to another generation.

Grace, not moralism. Practice, not performance. Church, not replacement.

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