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Leaders Edition



GMA Capstone 2012 Update

As you near the end of your advancement trail in Adventure Rangers and begin to look ahead to the final requirements for the Gold Medal of Achievement, you

will be required to complete a Capstone Project. The objective of the project is to help solidify your understanding of the material studied in Adventure Rangers

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Letter From Doug

I'm not alone. You've experienced it yourself— that feeling of flying high after a great success? You love it, don't you?

That's the way I feel after Royal Rangers' yearlong 50th anniversary celebration in 2012:

March – At LEAD Conference, 400 guests honored Juanita Barnes, our founder's widow; Richard Mariott, former national director; Paul Stanek, long-serving national training coordinator; Fred Deaver, FCF president emeritus; and many other leaders who have been part of Royal Rangers from the

start. What a heritage we have received!

July – Camporama was our best attended ever with 5,200+ registered campers. Former national director, Ken Hunt, joined us. If you were there, you know God met with us in an awesome way.

October – In a historic headquarters chapel, members of the Royal Rangers Executive Committee challenged our General Superintendent Dr. George Wood and other members of the Executive Leadership Team to an exciting Ranger Derby. Great fun!

These celebrations remind me of the value of the legacy you are passing on to next generation men. You are not only investing in them and their future families but also building a ministry that many of the boys you are influencing today will soon lead themselves, perhaps with the involvement of their own sons.

Thank you for investing your life in future men the same way thousands of others before you have. You are living a godly legacy that will long endure!

Doug Marsh
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by applying it to real life situations.

The Capstone Project represents a process of learning, reflection, self-evaluation, personal goal setting, and public presentation. Although the process is ultimately a private one between you and God, you will also work with a project counselor. This counselor can be a leader, parent, pastor, or other adult who assists you through the process of completing the project.

In 2012, we updated the Capstone Project by moving away from the Fire Institute. We have created a unique project, based on your involvement in Royal Rangers and the process of learning and growing into manhood in the same four ways Jesus grew. These four ways are described in Luke 2:52 and are represented in Royal Rangers by the four gold points of the Royal Rangers emblem:

Mentally – through the new knowledge and abilities you have developed by earning skill merits

Physically – through earning the required green Healthy Body merit and by participating in the variety of physical activities involved in many of the skill and leadership merits

Spiritually – through the completion of the “journey to manhood” represented by the brown Bible merits

Socially – through participation in the patrol system (outpost leadership) and by completion of the leadership merits, including their related service projects and activities

For full details on the 2012 Capstone Project update, visit the national Royal Rangers web site at RoyalRangers.com/programs/advancement/adventure/.

Bible Merit 2012 Update

Since their first introduction in 2002, Bible merits have been earned when all five lessons associated with

a particular book of the Bible were completed. Merits bore the name of the book on which the lessons were based.

In 2012, the structure of the Bible merits for Discovery and Adventure Rangers was changed to provide greater flexibility

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and more complete recognition for boys. This new system of Bible merit recognition is reflected in the 2012 *Discovery Rangers Handbook* and 2012 *Adventure Rangers Handbook*. Bible merits used in this new system are referred to as “numbered” Bible merits (represented by merit patches bearing a sequential number) as opposed to those of the previous system now referred to as “named” Bible merits (bearing the

name of a specific book of the Bible).

Under the new system, boys complete eight lessons for each numbered Bible merit rather than five lessons for a named Bible merit. However, only one numbered Bible merit will be required for each advancement step rather than two named merits. Furthermore, the eight lessons required for each numbered merit may come from any

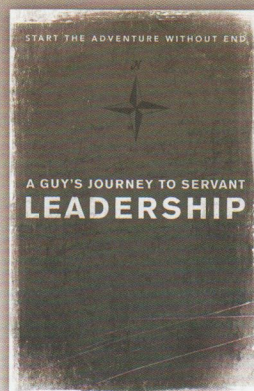
“lesson set” (previously referred to as a merit) in the appropriate color category (i.e., brown or orange) for the group. In addition, up to two of these lessons may be “lesson alternatives” chosen by the group leader.

For more information on transitioning from named to numbered Bible merits, visit: RoyalRangers.com and search for the Bible Merits page.

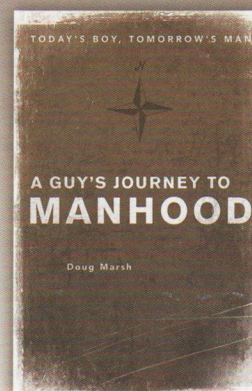
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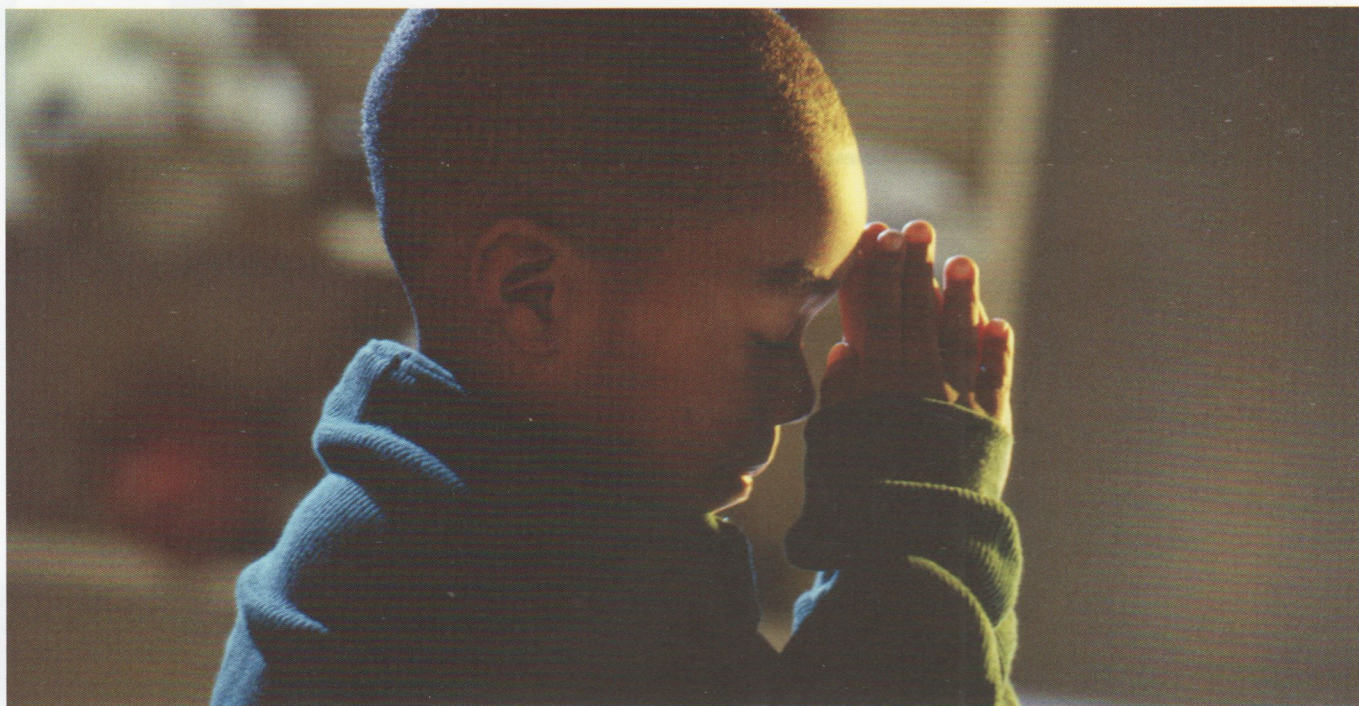
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Teach Us To Pray

There is a curious story in the Bible that has always seemed a bit confusing. One of Jesus' disciples asked Him to "teach us to pray." The confusion comes because most of these men were raised in accordance with Jewish traditions and had known how to pray since their childhood. Still there remained a desire to learn how to pray from Jesus.

Using the illustration of a well-balanced diet is a great way to show the need for a well-balanced prayer life. If we eat

pizza every meal, we would be very unhealthy. If we only ask God for things, our prayer life would be spiritually lacking because it would be one-sided.

Here is a mnemonic device to help remember the six basic elements of prayer: "Wait and See with C. and W.A.I.T."

C = Confess
W = Worship
A = Ask
I = Intercede
T = Thank

These are the five elements we use to talk with God. Remember, *prayer is communication with God.* Communication is reciprocal. The sixth and final element is to "wait and see." We need to be patient, stop "talking," and start listening for what God is speaking to us.

Grounded in The Lord's Prayer, this helpful tool can help you remember that prayer is not simply asking for things but a reciprocal conversation with our Creator.



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