

A Pillar of Iron (3)

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1. Thought. Man is weak and naive, we don't have anything to protect us as animals do; all we have is our thought, which is not that much without Christ.
2. I like his advice on the truly civilized man. I have struggled with getting caught up in the latest fashions and popular activities of this world but through my struggle I am reminded of God's call on our life to be set apart.
3. A man is known by his character. If he honors his manhood given to him by God, he will be just, brave, patriotic, reliable, strong, inflexible in the right. He went on to tell him that a man that has no pride is worse than a traitor.
4. You are only one man, but one man is all it takes to introduce ideas and beliefs. One man can have many followers.
5. There is nothing new under the sun. Man without God can only get worse; man can never reach a perfect utopia outside of heaven.
6. She told him of the importance of women. She reminded him and made him realize the important role that women play in sustaining a household. She warned that man will bend even god to fit within what he wants. I think she was giving him advice on choosing a wife. She talked of the danger of foolish modern women.
7. She was mysterious. She is rather flirty and is very pretty. He is completely captured by her eyes. He wants to understand why she would be willing to marry Lucius because she would then have a great name. He was fascinated by her unpredictability.
8. Unfortunately there are evil people in the world. Man is not basically good because his nature desires to sin. We cannot be good without our hearts being changed by Christ.
9. She told him that being betrothed was not to be taken lightly; women know more about the man they are betrothed to than he thought. He told her that she is afraid to love because of what she saw her parents do, that is why she will marry Lucius without loving him.
10. In other countries the government is corrupt in the sense that they take bribes. In America the bribes are disguised. People take "bribes" from the media; they let the media shape their thinking whichever way. Stars will also pay to have a story that will speak well of them; in the same way, the media can pay to have permission to use a star in their story. All bribes are made to achieve a selfish purpose.
11. Man shouldn't take pride in what he has not rightfully earned.
12. He says that war between nations is bad, but he believes that God will never forgive Rome for the pain and hostility brothers are causing each other. He believes that Rome is doomed.

13. He was caught up in the arguments between his father and his grandfather. He also had vowed that he would never forget Livia.
14. The grandfather thought that Rome could not be saved. Tullius thought that someone would come in and save Rome. Helvia thought that it impossible that Rome could really crumble. Marcus agreed with his grandfather.