GOD'S MAN
Psalm 112: 1; I Kings 2:2
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INTRODUCTION
1. Every woman who is a Christian dreams of marrying the ideal man -- I Kings 2:2.
2. The woman, like the man, often in her search forgets to include godliness as chief among the characteristics for which she is searching.
3. She should be concerned with the depth of his spiritual life.
   (1) Does he have CONVICTIONS?
   (2) Does he live by the moral standard of the Word of God?
   (3) Does he protect your morals?
4. Does he engage in the popular sins of the day?
   (1) Does he use drugs?
   (2) Does he use alcohol?
   (3) Does he dance?
   (4) Does he participate in the sin of fornication?
   (5) Does he pet?
   (6) Is he worldly in his thinking?
   (7) Does he have self-control?
5. Let us study the qualities of God’s man.

I. GOD'S MAN WALKS WITH GOD.
   2. Zacharias, John the Baptist's father, walked "In all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" -- Luke 1:6
   3. God’s man walks by faith not by sight -- 2 Cor. 5:7.
   4. The main thrust of his life is to do the will of God -- Matt. 7:21; 6:33.

II. GOD'S MAN REPRESENTS CHRIST IN EVERY RELATIONSHIP OF LIFE.
   2. He abides in Christ -- John 15:4; Gal. 3:27.
   3. God’s man represents Christ in every situation, in every relationship:
      (1) Domestic
      (2) Civil
      (3) Economic
      (4) Social
      (5) Spiritual
   4. In all these relationships, God’s man thinks God’s thoughts, speaks God’s word, and does God's work.

III. GOD'S MAN MEDITATES UPON GOD’S WORD, WORSHIPS GOD, AND GIVES HIS RESOURCES TOWARD THE LOCAL CHURCH’S PROGRAM OF WORK.
   1. God’s man believes in the all-sufficiency of the Word -- 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17; Rom. 1:16.
2. He prays -- I Thess. 5:17; James 5:16.
4. He sings -- Eph. 5:19.
5. He gives -- I Cor. 16:1 - 2.
7. He knows he needs to be taught -- Acts 20:7; 20:32.
8. God's man is alert to his duty in whatever collective activity God has assigned to His church.

IV. GOD'S MAN DISCHARGES EVERY DOMESTIC DUTY AS GOD REQUIRES
1. God's man is the head of his wife -- Eph. 5:23; I Cor. 11:3; I Tim. 3: 4 - 5.
2. God's man loves his wife -- Eph. 5: 25, 28 - 29; Col. 1: 19.
   (1) He has sacrificial love -- Eph. 5:25.
   (2) Caring love -- Eph. 5: 25, 28.
   (3) Unbreakable love -- Eph. 5:31.
   (4) Romantic love.
   (5) Compassionate love.
   (6) Affectionate love.
   (7) Passionate love -- I Cor. 7: 2 - 5.
3. He cherishes his wife -- Eph. 5: 29.
   (1) He holds her dear and treats her with tenderness and affection.
   (2) Gen. 2:24; Deut. 24: 5; Eccl. 9:9; Prov. 5: 18; Matt. 2:14
4. He honors her -- I Pet. 3:7
   (1) "Her price is far above rubies" -- Prov. 31: 10
   (2) She has great value to her husband -- Prov. 31: 11 -- faithful.
      1. She takes care of the household affairs -- Tit. 2:5 (cooking, cleaning, bed-making, washing and ironing, etc.)
      2. She bears the children -- John 16:21.
      3. She trains the children.
      4. She fulfills his emotional needs -- I Cor. 7: 2 - 5; Prov. 5:19.
      5. She is a companion -- Gen. 2:18.
      6. She is of great spiritual value -- I Pet. 3:7; Prov. 31:30.
5. He protects his wife:
   (1) I Pet. 3:7
   (2) Eph. 5: 28 - 29
6. God's man provides for his wife and children -- I Tim. 5:8; Gen. 3:19.
7. He renders conjugal dues to his wife -- I Cor. 7: 2- 5; Heb. 13:4; Prov. 5:19.
8. He teaches, trains and disciplines his children -- Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:9
   (1) Respect for parents -- Eph. 6:1 - 2
   (2) Respect for Christ -- Matt. 28:18
   (3) Respect for the law of the land -- Rom. 13:1
   (4) Respect for self -- Gen. 1:26
   (5) Respect for one's fellowman
   (6) Respect for the authority of marriage -- Matt. 19:3 - 9; Gen. 2:24
9. Some other things that need to be taught:
   (1) To aim their lives at something worthwhile.
   (2) To have a keen sense of responsibility.
   (3) That people are more important than things.
   (4) To live pure lives -- I Tim. 5:22
   (5) To render unselfish service.
   (6) To teach them to be real Christians.

10. The Bible teaches that children should be reared by "the rod of correction":
    (1) Heb. 12:9; Prov. 22:15; 3:12; 13:24
    (2) Too many parents today are like Eli -- the Bible says "he restrained them not" -- I Sam. 3:13.
    (3) Cautions to parents in discipline: "provoke not your children to wrath" -- Eph. 6: 4
        1. Three ways to do this:
           a. By unreasonable demands
           b. By needless severity
           c. By manifestation of anger -- Prov. 15:1

11. HE MUST BE STRONG AND SHOW HIMSELF A MAN -- I Kings 2:2; I Cor. 16:13
    (1) He must do his duty like a man.
    (2) He must be strong like a man.
    (3) He must take responsibility like a man.
    (4) He must be courageous like a man -- Josh. 1: 6 - 7, 9.

12. He must give his family an example -- I Tim. 4:12.
    (1) He cannot properly teach without being an example.
    (2) He cannot properly lead his wife without being an example.

13. He must not be selfish.
    (1) He must not put his own interests and desires above the needs of the family.
    (2) Many men do this to their shame.

14. He must provide leadership and guidance for the family -- Eph. 5:23.
    (1) He must be one to whom they can look to for advice and counsel.
    (2) A man must learn to lead his wife by exercising all faculties of wisdom, strength, and
        personality.
    (3) He most of all must be an example for the family to follow.
    (4) A man should talk goals and plans over with his wife continually.
    (5) He should ask for God's help with his decisions.

15. One of the most serious offenses a father can commit against his children is that of NEGLECT:
    (1) A father owes them a proper portion of his time and his attention.

16. He must learn to be encouraging and uplifting to his wife and his children -- I Pet. 3:7; Col. 3: 19, 21.

17. He must inspire growth in the family:
    (1) Spiritual growth -- Eph. 6:4

18. He must teach moral standards and uphold moral standards in his own life:
    (1) Truths and standards he must teach:
        1. To remember God -- Eccl. 12:1; Acts 17:28
        2. To always avoid bad company -- I Cor. 15:33
        3. To flee youthful lusts -- 2 Tim. 2:22
4. Obey parents -- Eph. 6:1-3
5. Teach them to learn to get along with people -- Rom. 12:18
6. Always be humble and kind -- Col. 3:12

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