

# Eight Characteristics of a Man of God



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## MAN OF GOD MAKES HIS BODY PRESENTABLE FOR HIS WIFE

1 Corinthians 7: 4- Don't you know that your body is not your own, as it belongs to your wife and you are honored bound to use it in a manner that is pleasing to your wife.



## MAN OF GOD IS A MAN OF CHARACTER INTEGRITY

Proverbs 28:18- Whoever walks in integrity will be delivered, but he who is crooked in his ways will suddenly fall.



## MAN OF GOD'S WIFE – HIS WIFE IS HIS STANDARD OF BEAUTY

1 Timothy 3:2 - You are to be a one-woman man and the husband of one woman.



## MAN OF GOD VALUES HIS WIFE AND TREATS HER AS VALUABLE

Proverbs 31:10- An excellent wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.



## MAN OF GOD IS EMOTIONALLY INTIMATE WITH HIS WIFE AND ATTUNED TO HER EMOTIONS

Titus 2:7-8 Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us.



## MAN OF GOD IS FINANCIALLY SECURE

1 Timothy 5:8- Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



## MAN OF GOD IS A MAN OF SEXUAL PURITY

1 Thessalonians 4:3- For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.

# Biblical View

## Eight Characteristics of A Man of God:

### 1. A Man of God Prioritizes His Wife

- Book of Genesis: God states that a man will leave his father and mother, and he will cleave to his wife.
- As a husband, it is one of the highest callings that God can give a man, as this is the only relationship you will be a part of that is one flesh under God.
- It is a covenant relationship that is meant for life under God's leadership, and you as the husband are charged with the position of head of household and spiritual leader of your family per God's authority.
- Your identity as a husband: you are charged to love your wife as Christ said He loved you.
- 1st Corinthians 13, which states the elements of love, says love is patient, kind, is not jealous, is not arrogant, does not act disgracefully, does not seek its own benefit, is not provoked, does not keep a record of wrong, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in truth. It keeps every confidence, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.
- Love endures much, always hopes, always protects.

These elements of love are how you are supposed to love your wife, as a husband, as outlined by God.

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### 2. A Man of God Makes His Body Presentable for His Wife

- 1st Corinthians 7:4 — Don't you know that your body is not your own, as it belongs to your wife, and you are honor-bound to use it in a manner that is pleasing to your wife.
- This means we are supposed to take care of ourselves in such a way that is honoring to our wives.

#### Question:

- Is using pornography dishonoring your body in your wife's eyes?
- Is using it dishonoring to God in the role of a husband?
- 1st Corinthians 6:19–20 — Or do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body.

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## **Eight Characteristics of A Man of God:**

### **3. A Man of God Is a Man of Character and Integrity**

- Integrity, as defined, is the quality of being honest and having strong moral and ethical principles, as well as a state of being whole and undivided.
- Morality means to do the right thing. Do not do things that seem right in your own perspective, which is a form of self-righteousness. Rather, do what is right from a biblical view (God's perspective).
- Be honest and tell the truth. Let your yes be yes and your no be no.

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### 4. A Man of God – His Wife Is His Standard of Beauty

- 1 Timothy 3:2 – you are to be a one-woman man and the husband of one woman.
- This is the outline for elders in the church in Scripture.
- The idea is that one does not use women for comfort, sexual pleasure, financial gain, etc. Rather, he seeks a woman for a marriage relationship as God designed marriage.
- Beauty fades, but the spirit endures. See more than the outside of a person's being.
- As a godly man seeing his wife as the standard of beauty for him and his life, he does not compare his wife to other women, ever!
- Includes → No past relationship, no woman seen out in town, no porn site material should ever be used to compare to his wife, girlfriend, or fiancée.

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## **Eight Characteristics of A Man of God:**

### **5. A Man of God Values His Wife and Treats Her as Valuable**

- Proverbs 31:10 – An excellent wife, who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- The way you use your words, actions, money, time, and attention toward your wife ought to convey to her that she feels precious to you. You make her the priority in all things.
- Use love as a guide.
- Five Love Languages – physical touch, acts of service, quality time, words of affirmation, and gifts.
- What is your love language? What is your wife's or girlfriend's love language?
- We were built for relationship; that's part of our identity in Christ.
- You must be curious about your wife. How do we do that? You ask questions but, more so, you listen to her. Then ask clarifying questions for what you do not understand completely.

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## Eight Characteristics of A Man of God:

### 6. A Man of God Is Emotionally Intimate With His Wife and Attuned to Her Emotions

- Learn how to identify emotions in yourself and in others. This is a must.
- Attunement — the act of bringing something into harmony, whether it's musical or a personal emotional state.
  - Martha and Mary called for Jesus to help a dying Lazarus, His friend. In John 11:4, “But when Jesus heard this, He said, ‘This sickness is not meant for death, but is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.’” Jesus stayed put for two more days, and Lazarus died.
  - In John 11:11, Jesus said to the disciples, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going so that I may awaken him from sleep.”
  - When Jesus saw Mary weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and was troubled. Then John 11:35 – “Jesus wept.”
  - Then He raised Lazarus from the dead, performing a witnessed miracle.
- He knew He was going to do a miracle, but He still wept. Why? Because He empathized with Mary's grief and attuned to what she was feeling. He paused in the moment to be present with her. He was about to fix the issue by resurrecting her brother, but He did not lead with the solution; rather, He led with compassion.

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### 7. A Man of God Is Financially Secure

- 1st Timothy 5:8 – If someone does not provide for his own, especially his own household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- Give first to God. Render to God what is God's.
- Jesus was asked about paying taxes. Referring to a Roman coin in Matthew 22:20, Jesus said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” “Caesar's,” they replied.
- 21 And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.”
- Like the coin bearing the image of government, you are bearing the image of God, as you were created in God's image. Thus, you must pay to God what is asked of you from God.
- God grants you free will to do so. Through obedience, you are offered protection against the idolatry of money and security, and God blesses obedience.
- Earn an honest living. Be fruitful and cheerful in all that you do, you men of able body. This is honoring to God.

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### 8. A Man of God Is a Man of Sexual Purity

Keep yourself pure.

- 1 Thessalonians 4:3 – For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality.
- Key part of living a holy life. Many leaders of God have fallen in the area of their sex life.
- Husbands, you are the head of your wives; boyfriends, you are not the head of a girlfriend.
- Men set the standard of the relationship → show her the man you will be or the man you are (or are becoming).

Why is temptation difficult?

- 1st Corinthians 11:7–9 – For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of man. For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.
- God created man, then God created woman from man, as the pinnacle of all creation is woman.
- Adam was put in the Garden to work it and keep it. God assigned Adam dominion over the Garden, as Adam was created for a calling. Eve was created for Adam as a helper. Adam was not created for Eve.
- Men, find your calling, a career aspiration, define a vision for your life, etc. Women are looking for a man whose life is going in a defined direction – to accomplish something and to live life about something that matters. Women are attracted to this because it is based in creation.
- Refrain from focusing on achieving the most beautiful or attractive woman as a sign of success in dating or in “scoring” a wife. Outward beauty does not translate into the good moral character of a person.

# **Biblical View**

## **Summary**

You must understand that as a human, infected with the curse of sin, your flesh nature will default to selfishness, driving the capacity to do evil or lawlessness in God's presence. As a believer, when we understand that your name is written on the heart of Christ, who bears it before God the Father, He then sees it as beautiful, not sinful, as God chooses to forget your transgressions. Understanding this principle helps with being Spirit-filled, as you know His gaze on you in Christ sees you as more precious than all the rare and valuable jewels in the world. When you live with your blazing heart, knowing God loves you like this, causing your own stony heart to be invoked to love Him back, joy, pleasure, and peace abound in you for Him. Then, to the degree you live from this position, it allows you to have the emotional strength to admit how much sin is still in your life and to face it with courage. It is not about being good through works, but rather knowing who you are in Christ through faith in who He says He is and that His claims of salvation are true and active today.

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# Scripture References

## **Philippians 4:4–9 (NIV)**

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

## **Genesis 2:5–7 (NIV)**

Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

## **Genesis 2:15–17 (NIV)**

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.

## **Genesis 2:19–20 (NIV)**

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

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## **Genesis 2:24 (NIV)**

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## **Job 11:18 (NASB/NKJV)**

And you will feel secure, because there is hope;  
you will look around and take your rest in security.

## **James 1:15 (NASB)**

Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is fully matured, it brings forth death.

## **1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (NASB)**

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered. It does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. It keeps every confidence; it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails

## **1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NASB)**

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