CHARACTER TRAITS OF A GODLY MAN

GENESIS 2:21

21 ¶ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

GENESIS 2:22

22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

GENESIS 2:23

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

GENESIS 2:24

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

DEUTERONOMY 24:5

5 ¶ When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

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<u>He is Self-Controlled – Resisting Temptations</u>

He is a Provider – Supplying His Family's Needs

Provider - Unless a man is in school of some sort or building his business and the two partners have agreed that for a certain time period, it is best that she be the monetary provider, the godly man is the provider for his wife.

<u>I TIMOTHY 5:8</u>

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

<u>He Communicates – Both Attentively and Expressively</u> Communicator - 1 Peter 3:7 says, "Husbands, dwell with your wives according to knowledge [understanding]"

Notice that this command is given to the man because it is his responsibility to make sure he communicates with his mate, it usually comes naturally to the woman.

He is Humble - Open to Advice from His Wife

PROVERBS 12:15

15 ¶ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

PROVERBS 13:10

10 ¶ Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

He is Unselfish – Seeks to Please His Wife

Unselfish

PROVERBS 3:27

27 ¶ Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

PROVERBS 3:28

28 Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee.

II TIMOTHY 3:1

1 ¶ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

<u>II TIMOTHY 3:2</u>

2 For men shall be lovers of their own ***SELVES**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

SELVES: philautos {fil'-ow-tos}

loving one's self; too intent on one's interest, selfish

<u>He Protects – Shielding His Wife from Discomfort and Danger</u>

Protector - 1 Peter 3:7 says,

<u>I PETER 3:7</u>

7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving **<u>*HONOUR</u>** unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

HONOUR: time {tee-may'}

Price, sum, precious, a valuing by which the price is fixed; hence the price itself: of the price paid or received for a person or thing bought or sold

the honour which one has by reason of rank and state of office which he holds; deference, reverence

<u>He is Independent – Loyal to God and His Wife</u>

A woman does not wish to compete with a man's mother or sister. A godly man loves his family, but understands that his loyalty, next to God, is to his mate first.

THE PERFECT COUPLE: A VIRTUOUS WOMAN AND A GODLY MAN

A GODLY MAN IS A MAN OF RESPONSIBILITY

<u>I TIMOTHY 5:8</u>

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

EPHESIANS 6:4

4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:21

21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

PROVERBS 13:24

24 ¶ He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

COLOSSIANS 3:21

21 Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

EPHESIANS 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

EPHESIANS 5:28

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

EPHESIANS 5:29

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

EPHESIANS 5:31

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

COLOSSIANS 3:19

19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

A.WEDDING.SUPPER_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_ 56-1006

E-43 And some of you men will get that wishbone out of you and get a real he man backbone in you and make your wife straighten up. Spank that little old daughter of yours running around there on the street, and some man insult her and then you go around and want to have the man arrested. You ought to have a whipping. You're the guy, you brother. That's right. You're the one.

You ought to be the ruler of the house. **God's holding you responsible the way you're letting that girl do**: Let her come in of a nighttime her hair all mussed up and a cigarette and paint all over her face. I got two. I don't know what they'll do, but one thing, brother, as long as I got life, and a barrel slat's laying close, I'll do my part. Yes, sir. Yes, sir. I believe that they ought...

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.ON.HEBREWS.3_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 57-1006 333-781 Listen here, the man is the ruler; don't you think you can rule the house. You're not the ruler of the house. You're absolutely... You're not a slave now, but you're a helpmate. And Adam... The man has the rule over his wife, and he's responsible solely for his wife. God makes the man answer for his wife......

LIFE_ EVERETT.MA MONDAY_ 58-0512

E-30......Any man that'll let his wife smoke cigarettes, and wear shorts, shows what he's made out of. He's no man. He ain't got an ounce in him, a Son of God, the head of the house. That's right. Now, you know that's the truth. It shows what you're made out of. Man's not measured by muscles; that's beast, brute. Man's measured by character. And if you're a son of God, you're measured by your character. **And you're supposed to be the ruler of the house, and God will hold you responsible for what she does. But she's a god in America.** GOD.DOESN'T.CALL.MAN.TO.JUDGMENT.WITHOUT.FIRST.WARNING.HIM_ JEFF.IN V-8 N-3 WEDNESDAY_ 63-0724

Now, because, we have a responsibility that we've got to answer to God someday for. **Every man that come on the face of the earth has to answer to God for a responsibility.** And, to many of us, a stewardship, we have to answer for. We... **This responsibility is a stewardship that's been committed to us by God**, I don't care what it is. As I said a few moments ago, "a housewife," then be a genuine housewife. That's right. If it's to be a farmer, be a genuine farmer. Whatever it is that God has put you to do, you got a stewardship to that, you've got to answer to God for, because it takes all these things to do it.

A.MAN.RUNNING.FROM.THE.PRESENCE.OF.THE.LORD_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 65-0217

^{46.....And here we find an example of all of us. Every one of us, we always are running from something. We run from trouble. We run from responsibilities. We, we're all prone to do that. We, we are, we are more prone to run than we are to stand and face it out. See, we just... We--we--we find ourselves running......}

A.MAN.RUNNING.FROM.THE.PRESENCE.OF.THE.LORD_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 65-0217

We got so many things we have to do, so much responsibility that we have to face. **Everybody has got to face a certain responsibility**.

49 When you--when you come to--to choose your wife, to get married, or choose your husband, you--you've got to take a responsibility. And then you must remember... Maybe you build a home; it's a nice pretty home. And then, remember, as a married woman, you got to think of the responsibility of raising children. And you got to think of them pretty, slick walls is going to have little, dirty handprints all over them. Then you got the responsibility of educating your children. You got the responsibility of clothing and feeding.

50 **Everything is a responsibility. And it's so easy, when the responsibilities face us, to shirk from them. And we**

find out that marriage is a responsibility, in all manners.....

A.MAN.RUNNING.FROM.THE.PRESENCE.OF.THE.LORD_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-8 WEDNESDAY_ 65-0217

⁵³ But to face up to responsibilities, sometimes it takes the very hide off of us, to do that. **As a father, to face up the responsibility, to give your child a whipping. Them little fellows, you don't want to do that. But as a father or a mother, you've got to face the responsibility of raising that child, because the Bible said, "Spare the rod and you'll spoil your son."** And that still stands good in the sight of every psychologist there is in the world. That still remains God's Truth. If there had been more of that practiced, we wouldn't have had so much juvenile delinquency and stuff, and the rot we got in the world today. But the old golden rule of the home has been broken, long time ago, and they let the kids do whatever they want to.

A GODLY MAN IS A MAN OF FAITH

The life of a saint is nothing but a life of faith.

ROMANS 12:3

3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, **according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**

I CORINTHIANS 16:13

13 ¶ Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

II CORINTHIANS 1:24

24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: **for by faith ye stand.**

II CORINTHIANS 5:7

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

GALATIANS 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

<u>I TIMOTHY 6:11</u>

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

<u>I TIMOTHY 6:12</u>

12 **Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

A GODLY MAN IS A PRAYING MAN

PSALM 27:8

8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

LUKE 18:1

1 ¶ And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

<u>I TIMOTHY 2:8</u>

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

<u>JAMES 5:16</u>

16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

EFFECTUAL: energeo {en-erg-eh'-o}

Put forth power, to work for one, to effect, to display one's activity, show one's self operative

The word signifies, "wrought by the energy of the Spirit." The word properly refers to that which has power; which in its own nature is fitted to produce an effect.