CHARACTER TRAITS OF A GODLY MAN II

EPHESIANS 5:22

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

EPHESIANS 5:23

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

EPHESIANS 5:24

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

EPHESIANS 5:25

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

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26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

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27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

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33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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COLOSSIANS 3:18

18 ¶ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

COLOSSIANS 3:19

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

1 PETER 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

MY.LIFE.STORY_ LA.CA FOOTPRINTS.BOOK SUNDAY_ 59-0419A

So, but now, a good woman is a jewel in a man's crown. She should be honored. She... My mother's a woman, my wife is, and they're lovely. And I've got thousands of Christian Sisters who I highly respect. But if--if they can respect what God made them, a motherhood and a real queen, that's all right. **She's one of the best things that God could give a man, was a wife. Besides salvation, a wife is the best thing if she is a good wife.** But if she isn't, Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown, but a--an ornery one or nogood one is water in his blood." And that's right, it's the worst thing could happen. So a good woman... If you've got a good **wife, brother, you ought to respect her with the highest.** That's right, you should do that. A real woman! And, children, if you've got a real mother that stays home and tries to take care of you, keeping your clothes clean, sends you to school, teaching you about Jesus, you should honor that sweet old mother with all that's in you. You should respect that woman, yes, sir, because she's a real mother.

DO.YOU.NOW.BELIEVE_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_ 54-0307E

E-33 Now, I just left Chicago a few weeks, and I come home. And being so tired, I could hardly get up. And at home, bless their heart, the people come... You can't turn them down after you get there. So you just--you just have to minister to those...?...

We haven't eaten one time in our house, (We've been living five years) with the shades up. That's right.

My wife, I guess they introduced her tonight here; they was going too. She's thirty-four years old and almost completely gray, as you notice. **If there's any credit to be given to the Branham family, it doesn't come to me, give it to her.** She's the one who stood between me and the door, helping the people, doing all that we can. Bless your heart, may God give her a piece in--in the Kingdom of God.

Only... A preacher can hardly realize what a preacher's wife goes through. You know it, brother. I'm so glad God give us a helpmate. Aren't you? Yes, sir.

A man that's got a good loyal wife ought to be so true and loyal to her. And she that's got a good husband ought to be the same way. Look at the world today and how it is in chaos. GOD.KEEPS.HIS.WORD_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 57-0120E

E-18.....I have the deepest and highest respects for women. My mother is one, my wife, and I have young daughters. And a woman that keeps her place and is a lady, there is nothing any more precious outside of salvation to our nation, than a real woman. But when it comes to a place to worship women, then you're out of the Bible plan. There's no plan in the Bible for us to worship any woman, a Mary, or the Saint Cecilia.....

DOOR.TO.THE.HEART_ HARRISONBURG.VA SUNDAY_ 58-0316E

E-18 **There's any praises to be give to the Branham family, give it to the queen, Mrs. Branham, my wife**. Thirtyeight years old, gray headed, standing between me and the public, one of the sweetest women that ever lived. So she's the one to get the credit if there's anybody...

Stands on that phones when I seen them ring, long distance, sixty-four calls an hour, day and night. See? And she has to brace all of that. So that lovely, little voice you hear on the phone when you call up to there, **that's the queen of the Branham family and the queen of my heart. God bless her.**

THIRSTING.FOR.LIFE_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_ 60-0304

E-39......Greatest thing God give man outside of salvation was a wife. She was to comfort him, to help him, to bless him, and to console him, and--and be a real companion to him. And today, it's so degraded, and demoralized, till I--it's... Why the hottentots of Africa could come here and teach our women how to live moral. That's right.

THE.UNCERTAIN.SOUND_ JEFF.IN V-16 N-3 SUNDAY_ 60-1218

¹¹⁸.....I was in a poor, real poor home the other night. The man said, "I'll tell you, I--I just don't know." Said, "I just don't know how I'm going to make ends meet."

I looked around. He worked. He had a little old wife there just **true-blue** as could be, and four or five little old dirty-faced kids around on the floor. And I said, **"Boy, you're a millionaire**." And he said, "Huh? Well, Brother Branham, I wouldn't dispute your word." He said, "Brother, I ain't got a dime." And I said, "But you've got something that money can't buy." I said, "You got a little old wife here that probably hasn't got two dresses to her name." And--and if she did, it's some somebody gave her, 'cause the man just has a day's work now and then. And I said, "Looky here, but she's **just as loyal as loyal can be."** I said, "There's a many a multimillionaire tonight, would give every penny he had to **come home to a wife like that**." Right. I said, "His wife's out with a bunch of man somewhere, or on a barroom somewhere, cussing, singing, smoking, night-riding around, and things like that. And yet he loves her, but look what he's got. All of his life wrapped in that woman, and look the way she's doing."

JEHOVAH.JIREH.3_ GRASS.VALLEY.CA JJ 107-140 SATURDAY_ 62-0707

15 I hope that every young man here, when he gets married, he'll get a wife, and you'll live as happy together as wife and I have these twenty-two years that we've been married.

"He who has found a wife has found a good thing." As Solomon said, "A good woman is a jewel in a man's crown. An unrighteous one is water in his blood." And his blood stream's his life. **So an unrighteous one is the worse thing he can get ahold of. And a righteous one is the best thing he can get ahold of, outside of salvation.** If God could've give a man a better thing than a wife, He would've give it to him, 'cause God just gives His children the good things. And He gave him a wife, and I'm thankful for it......

THE.FLASHING.RED.LIGHT.OF.THE.SIGN.OF.HIS.COMING_ JEFF.IN V-5 N-4 SUNDAY_ 63-0623E

113 Notice, there is nothing that God could give a man, outside of salvation, better than a nice wife. There is no man can console, no--no person can console a person when they're tired, they won't confide in anyone like they do their own wife. And what a fortunate thing you brothers are when you've got a nice little wife that's clean and upright, and moral, and you can come in when you're tired and weary, and set down

and she can talk to you. She can do more with you than anybody else. That's right. She is a jewel. She is a queen.

DOORS.IN.DOOR_ FLAGSTAFF.AZ V-17 N-3 SATURDAY_ 65-0206

Look at your nice wife, brother, and think how many man that's worth millions of dollars, and loves a woman with all of his heart, she is a barfly. He would give his cold million **to have that woman love him the way your wife loves you.....**

POWER.OF.TRANSFORMATION_ PRESCOTT.AZ V-17 N-1 SUNDAY_ 65-1031M 203 I don't care what, my wife, I--I respect loyalty in any woman. When I was a little boy, I always said, "If a negro woman wanted to be loyal, I would shed the last drop of my blood to keep her that way." See, I respect what's right, the right thing. I've tried to live by that, all my life. I was young then, now I'm old, I haven't changed my ideas a bit. See?

TIME.TESTED.MEMORIALS.OF.GOD_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 57-0818

E-13 Catholic boy come to me not long ago, his wife was separated. he said, "Billy, I hate to come to you; I'm a Catholic, and you a Protestant." Said, "A priest run me out of my home awhile ago."

And I said, "What's the matter with him."

He said, "Well," he told me, said, "I drink a little," and said, "of a night, I work hard." And said, **"My wife thinks I ought to come in every night and kiss her and hug her and make it out just like that we was fixing to get married."** Said, "We married, and got a bunch of kids." And said, "If we... That's time..."

I said, "Whoop, wait a minute, boy, you're wrong; you're wrong. That's just the same as it was before you're married. See? You must always remember." I said, "She's forty years old now at the time where she really needs your attention."

TIME.TESTED.MEMORIALS.OF.GOD_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 57-0818

 $_{\text{E-14}}$ So they had the divorce court and he said, "I don't know what to do."

I said, "Go call her. If I go out there as a Protestant, she wouldn't receive me, but I..." He said, "Oh, she likes you." And I said, "That... You just go call her and tell her that you've changed your mind."

And so the next day I called the judge and talked to him. And I told this boy; I said, "I'll be setting right down beneath the floor where judge is going to give you a raking over. I'll be praying for you. Don't tell her about it."

"All right."

So I was down there praying, after while I heard some little clicking coming down the steps, and here they come with arms around one another just all smiles, you know. He said... I said, "Well, hello there."

And he said, "Brother Branham, it's been some time since I seen you. (Yeah, thirty minutes. See?) Some time since I seen you." And she said, "Why, Reverend Branham, I haven't seen you in a long time. Glad to see you again."

I said, "Thank you. Why," I said, "you look like you were sweethearts."

"Oh," said, "we're just doing fine, aren't we, honey?" She said, "Yes, we are, dear." And I... She said, "Come out to see

us sometime, Reverend."

And I said, "Thank you very much." Said, "Good-bye to you." Went by, the old boy turned around and waved back like that. They was all happy...?...

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830M

^{1068-Q-326} 326......if there's something that you have done that's wrong, that's bothered you, then check it with the Bible and see what you must do. But if you haven't done anything and you're not condemned of anything, it's perhaps your nerves. See? It could be many things that happened: maybe some trouble back in your life. Maybe it's a--a woman here might be in the menopause time. That's when everything is wrong with her, and there's nothing wrong with her, yet everything's wrong with her. And she's not just putting on; she really feels that; it's just as real. Any person that's nervous is that way. And don't never disagree.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.3_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0830M

¹⁰⁶⁸⁻³² And you husbands to your wives, when they're in that time of life, if you ever--if she ever was your

sweetheart, you let her be right then, 'cause she needs you. She really needs your help; she needs somebody to help her and understand her. Talk to her, take her up in your arms like-like--like she was your sweetheart, and she should be. And--and understand her, because she's going through a time that her entire make-up is changing, and you must be good to her at that time.

I think that's why Mr. Rockefeller made a fatal mistake. He was loved by the nation, would've probably been our next president. But when his wife took menopause, and went in menopause, and he left her and married his secretary, you see what happened? That shows there's some real good thinking Americans yet......

I CORINTHIANS 7:3

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

"Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence; and likewise also the wife unto the husband". The Greek word translated <u>"render"</u> signified not the granting of a favor but **the discharge of an obligation**. When a couple are married, they have an obligation, a duty, to attend to the sexual desires of their spouse.

I CORINTHIANS 7:3

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BENEVOLENCE Greek: opheile

Only here and Eph 6:7. It means that the wife and husband must respect each other regarding lawful sexual needs, mutually satisfying each other. If they do not obey this injunction **one may be responsible for the other's infidelity.**

I CORINTHIANS 7:4

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

I CORINTHIANS 7:5

5 Defraud ye not **one the other**, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

EPHESIANS 5:28

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A GODLY MAN IS A MAN OF RESPONSIBILITY

It is upon the men that the Lord has laid the responsibility of leadership, guidance and direction. Now lets see what scripture has to say about the subject.

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.

AFTER THE FALL

GENESIS 3:16

16 ¶ Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall ***RULE** over thee.

<u>RULE:</u> mashal {maw-shal'} have dominion, reign, to exercise dominion

GENESIS 3:17

17 ¶ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

GENESIS 3:18

18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

GENESIS 3:19

19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.