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Dear friends - Usually, Sharon uses the back page of this letter, offering practical Biblical advice and suggestions for improved family life and relationship with others. Typically, women... more than men, enjoy these types of topics. So, this month I (John) am writing to MEN... we men who purpose to be **Godly Men!**

***But you, man of God...  
pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,  
love, endurance and gentleness.  
1 Timothy 6:11***

## **A Godly Man**

**loves the Lord God passionately.**

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)*

**loves his fellow man sacrificially.**

*Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22:39)*

**is eternally minded.**

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:19-21)*

**is a man of faith.**

*Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)*

*But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. (James 1:6-8)*

**is a man of prayer.**

*But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16)*

*But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6:6)*

*Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. (Daniel 6:10)*

**obeys the Word.**

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it – not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it – they will be blessed in what they do. (James 1:22, 25)*

**does not hold a grudge.**

*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)*

**is not easily angered.**

*Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. (James 1:19-20)*

**humbly accepts criticism and rebuke.**

*Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses. (Proverbs 27:5,6)*

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:5-7)*

*For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. (Luke 14:11)*

**boldly speaks the truth, in love.**

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)*

**is a giver, not a taker (generous).**

*Remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)*

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4)*

*Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:40)*

*Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done. (Proverbs 19:17)*

**controls his tongue, using his words to build up and not tear down.**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. (Ephesians 4:29)*

*The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)*

*Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up. (Proverbs 12:25)*

**understands and exercises authority**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18)*

*Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. (John 14:12-14)*

**I've run out of space and still have another characteristic I wanted to include.**

**If you wish to see this additional trait of a Godly man, you can go to ALM's website...**

**www.AbundantLivingMinistries.org. Click on "Enjoy the Latest from ALM" at the bottom of the home page.**

**The article will be listed under "Pamphlets." - John**

Yes... the picture is me... some years back. I suggested to Sharon that I again grow a beard. Her answer was immediate... "Please, NO!"



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