

## A Portrait of a Godly Man

### Selected Scriptures

#### 1. **A Common Holiness**

Men and women are alike as sinners, indistinguishable in how they receive salvation, and have the exact same standing before the Lord (cf. Matt 16:24; Gal. 3:28; 5:16-25; 1 Pet. 3:7). Most of the ways in which the Lord calls believers to holiness are exactly the same, in command or in application, for both men and women (cf. Gal. 5:22-25; Eph 5:15-21).

#### 2. **A Dedicated Worker**

God created man for work even before He created woman to be his helper (Gen. 2:15). The toiling and difficult nature of work is a result of the Adam's sin (Gen. 3:17-19), and while work is not to be the only thing we do (Ex. 20:8-11), work will be part of life for the redeemed who dwell with God forever (cf. Matt. 25:23; Rev. 22:3). A godly man will strive to work hard and provide for the needs of his family and for those of his extended family who are in need (2 Thess. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:8). He will, in all areas of life, strive to be a good steward with the abilities and blessings that God has given him so as to please the Lord (Matt 25:14ff; Luke 12:42ff).

#### 3. **A Submitted Servant**

A godly man will strive to submit himself to the Lord in all areas of life (1 Pet. 2:13ff) and specifically whenever he is in a position of leadership (Eph. 5:25; 6:4, 9; 1 Pet. 3:7; 5:1-4). Christ, who is the head of every man (1 Cor. 11:3), demonstrated sacrificial servant leadership that all men are to strive to emulate (John 15:13; Phil 2:3ff). A godly man will strive to submit to God's priorities of people over other things, and of the eternal over the temporal (Luke 10:38ff; 18:15-17; John 4:7ff).

#### 4. **A Conformed Character**

A godly man will strive to live so as to become a more godly older man. Young men are to focus initially on being sensible (Titus 2:6) while endeavoring to have his mind, emotions, and speech follow the pattern of the Lord (Rom. 12:2; Eph 4:29). A godly man will continue to grow in the areas of temperament and self-control while maintaining a consistent and holistic Christian testimony (Titus 2:2).