

STRIVING TO BE GODLY HUSBANDS

Intro.

- A. What text would you turn to if you wanted to learn about a godly woman? _____
1. Describe for me your concept of a godly woman.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 2. Now think about what ideas you would find important in describing a godly man.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
- B. Consider Isaiah's inspired description of a godly man? _____
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| 1. A Hiding Place | } | Applies to our role in home. |
| 2. A Covert f/ the Tempest | | “ “ “ in the church. |
| 3. As Rivers of Waters | | “ “ “ in the community. |
| 4. As the Shadow of a Gt. Rock in a Weary Land. | | |

Discuss

I. A GODLY HUSBAND GREW UP FROM A YOUTH (following \Rightarrow 1 TIM. 4:12).

- A. Why are youth sometimes despised?
- B. “*Let no man...*” implies a degree of control of some reasons may be criticized/despised.
- C. Involves a resolution & commitment.
- D. **Vs. 16** declares the resulting benefits.

II. THE MAKING OF A GODLY MAN (e.g. John the Baptizer, Mt. 11:11).

- A. Sometimes **Parents** make a marvelous difference, **Lk. 1:6** (c. **Deut. 6:7-9; Psa. 127:4**)
- B. Need a *Sense of Purpose* & _____. (**Mt. 3:3**).
- C. _____ & **Conviction** will be apparent in the character of a godly man. (**Mt. 11:7ff; 3:7-12**)
- D. What quality should typify a godly man, like John, as seen in **Mt. 3:11**? _____
- E. A godly man will not be *self-indulgent*, but will exercise *self*-_____. (**Mt. 3:4 & 16:24**)

III. A GODLY MAN MANAGES A MEANINGFUL MARRIAGE.

- A. He appreciates the **Potential** of a good godly home.
 1. Results from planning, prayer, persistence. **Mt. 19:4-9**
 2. Marriage is showcased in **Eph. 5:21-33** \Rightarrow **God**, _____, **wife**, and then _____.
- B. He will work to keep it **Positive**.
 1. Companionship is *very good*, **Gen. 2:18 & 1:31**.
 2. Commitment is essential, **Mt. 19:6** (**Ex. 20:14**- adultery is absolutely to be avoided!!!)
 3. Children are a wonderful opportunity & an awesome _____. **Psa. 127:3-5**
- C. He is aware of the **Problem areas** and work to avoid or minimize them.
 1. Finances, **1 Cor. 4:2, Lk. 12:15, 1 Tim. 5:8**
 2. Family (in-laws), **Mic. 7:6**
 3. Fatigue – (too many activities, lack of establishing priorities- c. **Col. 3:1, Eph. 5:16 & 4:12**)
 4. Fifts (of whisky or alcohol).
 5. Failings.....*to mature, to trust, to be responsible...*
- D. He will exercise great **Patience** in making marriage meaningful. (**1 Cor. 13:4**)

IV. IF GOD MOLDED ME ESPECIALLY FOR MY MATE...1 PET. 3:1-7.

- A. I would love her more than me! **Eph. 5:25**
- B. I would actively work to help them gain heaven. (**vs. 1-2**)
- C. I would be a person with proper values, (**vs. 3-4**)
- D. I would be sexually faithful to her, (**vs. 7**)
- E. I would contribute to a gracious environment in the home, (**vs. 7**)
- F. I would spend time on my knees (**vs. 7**)

WILL YOU ???

STRIVING TO BE GODLY FATHERS

Intro.

- A. Being a godly father is a wonderful opportunity, but it is not the easiest job in the world.
- B. Three things we want to consider in this role:
 - 1. Must understand God's plan for the home.
 - 2. Need to learn the characteristics of a good father from God.
 - 3. Want to think about some of the pain a father may experience as a father.

Discuss.

I. THE HOME AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT...

- A. Began according to God's plan regarding

"who can marry"

"who"

- 1. _____, **Mt. 19:4-5** _____
- 2. _____, **Rom. 7:2-3** _____
- 3. _____, **Mt. 19:9** _____

- B. Recognizes the purposes of marriage:

- 1. Physically 2. Socially 3. Spiritually

- C. As mentioned earlier, need to understand the devastation of divorce (**Mal. 2:16**)

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF A GODLY FATHER.

- A. He _____ for children. **Eph. 1:4 (Jn. 10:10)**
- B. He *provides* for his children. _____
- C. He _____ his children, **Prov. 3:21-26, Psa. 34:15-17, 1 Cor. 10:13**
- D. He uses various methods to keep his children *purified* (**Heb. 12:5-11; Rom. 11:22**)
- E. He takes _____ in his children. (c. **Tit. 3:2-5**)

III. WHEN A FATHER IS IN PAIN...

- A. It *is* sometimes our fault. **2 Sam. 18:31-33**

- 1. History's 1st parents experienced deep pain because of their children, **Gen. 4**
- 2. Abraham was a father in pain, sending Ishmael away, **Gen. 16**
- 3. David is the epitome of a wounded father when it was his fault, **2 Sam. 11-13 (Psa. 51)**
- 4. Pain is greatest when we think, _____!
 - a. Why do we blame ourselves? _____
 - b. Because the children are _____, there will always be _____.

- B. What about when *it is not* our fault???

- 1. The best of children sometimes loose their children. Who is responsible for Adam & Eve's sin???
- 2. Remember, children necessarily reach a point of independency. **Lk. 15**
- 3. Never give up hope, & be ready to celebrate if given the opportunity!!!!