

A Godly Man Family By Design

Characteristic #1

----- The Past

Philippians 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. **13** No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. *(NLT)*

----- Forward

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. *(NLT)*

----- Up

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. *(NLT)*

Characteristic #2

----- The Pull Of The World

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. **2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. *(NLT)*

Colossians 2:8 Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. *(NLT)*

----- Discipline

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Proverbs 4:23 Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. *(NLT)*

1 John 2:15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. **16** For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. **17** And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever. *(NLT)*

1 Corinthians 6:18 Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. *(NLT)*

2 Corinthians 12:19 Perhaps you think we're saying these things just to defend ourselves. No, we tell you this as Christ's servants, and with God as our witness. Everything we do, dear friends, is to strengthen you. **20** For I am afraid that when I come I won't like what I find, and you won't like my response. I am afraid that I will find quarreling, jealousy, anger, selfishness, slander, gossip, arrogance, and disorderly behavior. **21** Yes, I am afraid that when I come again, God will humble me in your presence. And I will be grieved because many of you have not given up your old sins. You have not repented of your impurity, sexual immorality, and eagerness for lustful pleasure. *(NLT)*

Characteristic #3

----- That Are Healthy

Luke 12:21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God." *(NLT)*

John 14:6 Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." *(NLT)*

Exodus 34:14 You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you. *(NLT)*

Ephesians 5:25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her. *(NLT)*

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. *(NLT)*

Proverbs 27:2 Let someone else praise you, not your own mouth—a stranger, not your own lips. *(NLT)*

Mark 10:45 "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." *(NLT)*

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. *(NLT)*

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. **25** And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. *(NLT)*

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. *(NLT)*

Characteristic #4

_____ God's Plan

Hebrews 10:35 So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! **36** Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. *(NLT)*

Upward: _____ God

2 Timothy 1:9 For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. *(NLT)*

Inward: _____ Himself

2 Corinthians 13:10 Dear brothers and sisters, I close my letter with these last words: Be joyful. Grow to maturity. Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. *(NLT)*

2 Peter 1:5 In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, **6** and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, **7** and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. **8** The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9** But those who fail to develop in this way are

shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. *(NLT)*

Outward: _____ Others

Matthew 28:19 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." *(NLT)*

Romans 15:1 We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. **2** We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. *(NLT)*

Characteristic #5

_____ In A Proper Manner

Galatians 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. **25** Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. *(NLT)*

Evidence Of _____

John 3:19 "And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. **20** All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. **21** But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." *(NLT)*

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. **15** No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. **16** In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." (NLT)

Evidence Of _____

2 Timothy 3:1 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. **2** For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. **3** They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. **4** They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. **5** They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that! (NLT)

2 Corinthians 5:9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. (NLT)

Evidence Of _____

John 15:5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. **7** But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! **8** When you produce

much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father." (NLT)

Galatians 5:22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! (NLT)

To live as a man of God today requires a wholehearted commitment to Jesus Christ, to spiritual transformation, and to service. It means following God completely, obeying His commands joyfully, living not for worldly things but for eternal purposes.