WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GOD’S MAN

BE ON THE ALERT, STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, ACT LIKE MEN, BE STRONG. LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE. - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

1. **STEP UP** *(Lead. Initiate. Be a man of action. Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity.)*

When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men...“Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the LORD do what is good in His sight.” - 2 Samuel 10:7,12

“I searched for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one.” - Ezekiel 22:30


2. **SPEAK OUT** *(Silence in the midst of sin is a sin. Be courageous. Fear God not man. Speak the truth in love.)*

Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. - Proverbs 27:5-6

Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy. - Proverbs 31:8-9

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. - 1 Peter 3:15

Other Scripture: Proverbs 14:25, Proverbs 15:1-2, Proverbs 24:11-12, Isaiah 8:11-13, Jeremiah 1:17, Romans 1:16

3. **STAND STRONG** *(Don’t give in when you are challenged, attacked or criticized.)*

“No now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you,” declares the LORD. - Jeremiah 1:18-19

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. - 1 Peter 5:8-9

Other Scripture: 2 Chron. 16:9, Prov. 24:10, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 12:5, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Galatians 1:10, Philippians 1:27-28

4. **STAY HUMBLE** *(Be vigilant against pride. Get the log out of your eye. Don’t think less of yourself, think of yourself less.)*

Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it, for still my prayer is against their wicked deeds. - Psalm 141:5

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. - 1 Peter 5:5-7

Other Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 12:1, Isaiah 66:2, Micah 6:8, John 15:5, Philippians 2:3-5

5. **SERVE THE KING** *(Seek first His Kingdom, His glory, His righteousness. Hope in the eternal. Live for a greater reward.)*

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” - Matthew 6:33

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” - Mark 10:45

Other Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 84:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Hebrews 6:10, 1 Peter 2:21-23

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GOD’S WOMAN

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: “Many daughters have done nobly, but you excel them all.” Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. - Proverbs 31:25-31

1 SEEK GOD FIRST (Reject the lie that anything or anyone else can satisfy you.)

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” - Matthew 6:33-34


2 SPEAK FAITHFULLY (Love others with godly wisdom, boldness, and kindness as a faithful completer of others.)

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.” - Genesis 2:18

Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy. - Proverbs 27:5–6

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She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. - Proverbs 31:26


3 SHOW TRUE BEAUTY (Bodies deteriorate, persons develop. Invest in that which lasts.)

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. - Proverbs 31:30

Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. - 1 Timothy 2:9–10

Other Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 11:22, 1 Peter 3:3–5

4 STAY HUMBLE (Be constantly aware of pride and selfishness. Don’t think less of yourself but think of yourself less.)

“He has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the LORD. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.” - Isaiah 66:2

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 2:3–5

Other Scripture: Psalm 141:5, Proverbs 3:5-6, Proverbs 12:1, Micah 6:8, John 15:5, 1 Peter 3:8-9, 1 Peter 5:5–7

5 SERVE THE LORD (Set your mind on eternal things, serve the eternal King, live to please only Him.)

“He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.” - John 12:25-26

For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ. - Galatians 1:10

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men. - Colossians 3:23

Other Scripture: Psalm 16:11, Psalm 84:10-12, Mark 10:42–45, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Philippians 1:21, Hebrews 6:10, 1 Peter 2:21–23

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