

What is a Man of God? July 28, 2024

1 Timothy 6:3-11, “If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, ⁴ he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, ⁵ and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. ⁶ But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. ⁷ For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. ⁸ If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. ¹¹ But **flee** from these things, you man of God.”

1. A Man of God is Known by What He Flees From

Genesis 39:12, “Potiphar’s wife caught Joseph by his garment, saying, “Lie with me!” And he left his garment in her hand and **fled** and went outside.”

1. Flee from people who are conceited and have morbid interests in controversy
2. Flee from people who stir up envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constantly cause friction between people
3. Flee from discontentment
4. Flee from greed

1 Timothy 6:11, “You man of God, **pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.”

2. A Man of God is Known by What He Pursues

Pursue: aggressively chase like a hunter pursuing a catch

1. **Righteousness**: to do what’s right, by maintaining integrity consistently, to live in such a way that you gain the approval of God, divine approval
2. **Godliness**: a godly heart response that naturally expresses itself in reverence for God, a deep level of respect and love for God, closely related to holiness
3. **Faith**: belief, trust, confidence, and full reliance upon the Lord, to remain faithful

4. Love: seeks the highest good of the other person, especially love for brothers and sisters in Christ that are united by the blood of Christ.

5. Perseverance: the courage and ability to endure even in the toughest of times, be steadfast and allow God to empower you to endure and patiently wait within the challenges that God allots throughout life

6. Gentleness: strength under control, keeping one's composure when directly in the face of antagonism

1 Timothy 6:11-12, *"You man of God, **fight** the good fight of faith."*

3. A Man of God is Known by What He Fights FOR

2 Timothy 4:7, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."*

1 Timothy 6:11-12, *"You man of God, **take hold** of the eternal life to which you were called, and made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses."*

4. A Man of God is Known by What He Takes Hold of

1 Timothy 6:13-16, *"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, **keep the commandment** without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen."*

5. A Man of God is Known by What Commandments He Keeps

Matthew 24:36-39, *"Of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. ³⁷ The coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. ³⁸ For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be."*

1 John 2:28, *"Live and abide in Christ, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming."*

1 Timothy 6:20, *"**Guard** what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter. Grace be with you."*

5. A Man of God is Known by What He Guards

2 Timothy 2:2, we are to, *"Entrust God's word to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."*