

Characteristics and Instructions for Godly Women

Underline the “fruits” and circle what we are “not to become”

Galatians 5:22-26

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Underline what we are to “put to death” and “put off”. What is coming upon the sons of disobedience?

Colossians 3:5-9

⁵ Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, ⁷ in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

⁸ But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

Underline what we are to “be”. The eyes of the Lord are on the _____ and against _____.

I Peter 3:8-12

⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“ He who would love life

And see good days,

Let him refrain his tongue from evil,

And his lips from speaking deceit.

¹¹ Let him turn away from evil and do good;

Let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,

And His ears are open to their prayers;

But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.”

As we look at the characteristics and instructions, think about these Biblical women and write down some of the traits that they had.

Noah's wife

Naaman's slave girl

Jochebed

Jehosheba

Sarah

Esther

Rahab

Elizabeth

Deborah

Mary

Manoah's wife

Anna

Hannah

Lydia

Naomi

Dorcas

Ruth

Priscilla

Phoebe

Genesis 2:18, 24

¹⁸ And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a _____ comparable to him.” ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become _____ flesh.

I can be a helper through prayer. I should be thankful for my husband's positive traits, for his hard work, job, leadership, care and love for me and my children. I can pray for his needs: physical- struggles at work, uncertainty of job, health, peace of mind, and spiritual- that he honors God and puts Him first, that he be spiritually-minded, and avoid temptation. That he'll love the Lord with all his heart, mind, soul and strength, and will be a good example to others.

Titus 2:3-5

³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things— ⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Ephesians 5:33

³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she _____ her husband.

Respect is God's command and it is a choice I make whether I obey that command. It may not always be easy to follow, but it is ALWAYS a command. I need to show respect by 1) not desiring to control every situation and outcome- to work together, alongside him. 2) I need to encourage him with positive words and good examples. I need to respect him enough to care about his soul and the choices he's making. A respectful attitude has a powerful impact; a mocking and nagging disposition can be extremely destructive.

I Peter 3:1-4

¹ Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. ³ Do not let your adornment be merely outward— arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel— ⁴ rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is _____ in the sight of God.

Colossians 3:18

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the _____.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ And these words which I command you today shall be in your _____. ⁷ You shall _____ them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

“Impress (the Lord’s) commands on your children”

“...get them inside of you and then get them inside your children...”

“Commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands...repeat them again and again to your children...”

Do not add to or take away:

Deut. 4:2, Deut. 12:32, Rev. 22:18-19

Proverbs 31:10-31

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife?

For her worth *is* far above rubies.

¹¹ The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.

¹² She does him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

¹³ She seeks wool and flax,
And willingly works with her hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships,
She brings her food from afar.

¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.

¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it;
From her profits she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷ She girds herself with strength,
And strengthens her arms.

¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is good,
And her lamp does not go out by night.

¹⁹ She stretches out her hands to the distaff,
And her hand holds the spindle.

²⁰ She extends her hand to the poor,

Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her household,
For all her household is clothed with scarlet.

²² She makes tapestry for herself;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³ Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sits among the elders of the land.

²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them,
And supplies sashes for the merchants.

²⁵ Strength and honor are her clothing;
She shall rejoice in time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household,
And does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ "Many daughters have done well,
But you excel them all."

³⁰ Charm is deceitful and beauty *is* passing,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands,
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

She is:

A commendable wife and mother

Living for her home and family

Constantly industrious

Self-disciplined and orderly

A sharp business woman

Has good taste

Hospitable

Charitable in needy times

Virtuous because she is spiritually-minded

List some women in your life- past or present- that you think fit in the godly women category. How do you want to be classified?

Positive Characteristics

Hospitable, Obedient, Concerned for children, Loyal, Desires children, Modest, Industrious, Provider, Completely devoted to God, Tenderness

Think of people you have encountered with these traits. Do you want these things to be said of you?

Negative Characteristics

Crafty, Deceiving, Outward Adornment, Immodest, Self-indulgent, Disobedient