



# Characteristics of a Good Man

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*Good people obtain favor from the LORD,  
but he condemns those who devise wicked schemes.  
Proverbs 12:2*

Have you ever been called a "Good Person", or "Good man"? What is your reaction to that? Is it right or Biblical? What should our reaction be? Realize who you are and what some positive characteristics you have and continue to develop them as well as work on some that may need some work.

**Contentment** *Philippians 4:11b; for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.*

5 secrets to contentment

- Trust in God's Providence
- Be satisfied with little
- Find contentment independent of circumstances
- Sustained by Divine power
- Being preoccupied with the wellbeing of others

**Courage** *Deuteronomy 31:6; Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

- Mental or Moral strength to venture, persevere and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty
- Defending, protecting, rescuing, helping or serving our loved ones
- Be the leader, point man, leading the charge
- Being ready, and equipped to face battle
- 2 Samuel 23

**Compassion** *Psalms 103:13; As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.*

- Matthew 25, Luke 10
- Show love to the world
- Help the hurting
- Both to those in our immediate circle and to our surrounding circle
- Sometimes all it takes is time to listen

**Courtesy/Chivalry/Cherish** *Ephesians 5:28,29 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church*

- 1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the **weaker** partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life
- Kenny Rogers, 'Buy me a Rose'

Buy me a rose, call me from work  
 Open a door for me, what would it hurt  
 Show me you love me by the look in your eyes  
 These are the little things I need the most in my life

So I bought you a rose on the way home from work  
 To open the door to a heart that I hurt  
 And I hope you notice this look in my eyes  
 Cause I'm gonna make things right  
 For the rest of your life  
 I'm gonna hold you tonight  
 Do all those little things  
 For the rest of your life

- As men we are often willing to go to great lengths to try to fix things, spend whatever, say whatever and often we forget that it is the small things we can do that will mean the most
- Daughters

**Commitment** **Colossians 3:23** *Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*

- If we give our word, stick to it
- Commitment not procrastination
- Recovery work
- Do without being reminded
- Committed to work, our employment which can at times take precedence of our commitment to our spouse.

**Consistent** **1Corinthians 15:58** *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain*

- Disciplined, regular, trustworthy, dependable
- Attendance at regroup, step work,
- Allow others to be able to count on you
- Builds trust

**Contemplate/Considerate** **Psalms 46:10** *He says, "Be still, and know that I am God,*

- Slow to speak
- Take time to think things through
- Be thoughtful
- Seek wisdom
- Cautious
- Slow down, stop

**Counsel** *Proverbs 19:20 Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*

- Counted among the wise
- Being willing to receive wisdom
- Being able to offer wisdom
- Learning, reading, offering to teach
- Seeking wisdom
- Regroup demographics
- Leading our families

**Calm** *1 Peter 5:6-7 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

- Place your trust in Christ
- Lay all our anxious cares upon him
- Share our cares and anxious thoughts with our spouse, friends and others
- Open your heart to encouragement
- Be vulnerable
- God cares about you, he will provide. Mathew 6:30

***'You shall love the Lord with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'***