

The Godly Man – March 20, 2022

Pastor Mac

Good morning and on behalf of Pastor JD Farag, we'd would like to welcome you here at Calvary Chapel Kaneohe for the live-streamed service. On Sunday mornings we have two services, the first service is dedicated to the Prophecy Update and the Second Service, the sermon. But for today, we will have two topical teachings.

Before we get into that, why don't we all bow our hearts for a word of prayer. Father in Heaven, there is no way that anything can be done in here today without the presence of Your Holy Spirit. So we ask that you would descend it on all of us and allow it to rest on each of us as Your word of truth is taught.

May we have open ears and open hearts. May we hear and heed Your Word and live by it and die to self because of it. Bless us now with Your holy presence. We love you and we thank You for that which You are about to accomplish in and through our lives. In the mighty name of Yeshua, Jesus the Christ we do pray amen.

So this morning our first teaching is titled 'The Godly Man.' And allow me to make this disclaimer right now from the giddy up. I am in no way claiming that I am the most godliest man on planet Earth, no. That is not it at all.

I, like many of you, have many faults and flaws, and oh, my goodness, do I need the Lord every second of the day to aid me in correcting those.

Now I'm also thankful that over the years, the Lord has indeed worked on me and given me the victory over many issues. My wife is grateful as well.

[Laughter]

But I don't have to be the most godly man to talk about this. I just have to know and teach what the God of man has said about this according to His word.

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And contained within His word, we can see all the attributes that make up a godly man, husband, and father. And most of those go against the world's perception of what a man is supposed to be like.

And this topic that we will get into this morning is often reserved for like Bible studies, men's retreats. Normally they would have some pamphlets to hand out they'll do a series on this, fill out this little thing-thing, discuss it in small workshops and groups.

But we are not afforded all that time. We have about an hour, but with God's blessing I pray that we will get to the point. We should never isolate this topic just to those venues.

In fact, there is no rule associated when we talk about this with the exception of that we talk about this. That's what's needed.

And today, I believe most of you would agree that godliness across-the-board within Christianity has been on a major decline.

And when it comes to man, the view of man has been fractured. Don't you agree? What a man is has been fractured because the enemy has done a great job painting the picture of what man is supposed to be like. And that picture has crept into the church, and that's sad.

The world view of man dominates many churches. The picture we should have of man is captured in the Word of God. And there's a way we ought to be as men and men of God.

And if we don't know what that looks like from the Word of God, being a man is questionable. And we have little to no chance of being a godly man, husband, or father. And every man that claims to be a Christian should be striving to understand this and live by this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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And that takes work and allowing God to work in and through our lives. And it never ends. I think most of us are aware of the main men in the Bible, all these passages that come about when discussing godly men.

We have some pointed passages of Scripture, it gives us details, guidelines of the godliest of men, how to act, both commands, all from God, and prayerfully, we will see some of this today.

But before we go any further, let's define what a man is to start with according to God. First, we all know that man was created in the image of God and that image comes true, it comes by the form, and it defines masculinity in the Scriptures. God defines masculinity, not the world.

And captured throughout Genesis Chapter 2, we see that man has a specific makeup.

By the way, one of those is a physical makeup. Do you realize that? I pray that you do because the world does not.

Scientists use to believe there was a biological difference between man and woman.

Today, you will hardly find one to go on the record and say that completely. But part of man's makeup was for man to conduct those purposeful works as well as a range of authority and then have this charge to obey God.

Are we tracking so far?

Now obeying God is indeed the most important attribute but allow me to back up about those purposeful works. I just want to highlight it for now because we will get to it later.

Remember that.

Man was created to work. Now this should be the aim for all godly men according to the Scriptures.

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Now if your situation at home is different, do not lose heart. If the Lord is at the center of your life, He will cover down for you.

All of our circumstances are different. But this is what the divine makeup calls for. Something else that often gets overlooked in what a man is according to God and that is that man has a natural wanting for a wife, a natural wanting for a wife.

All of this is shown in the Scriptures, and all of this should be fundamental to all Christians. And if you're not a Christian, know that that's what the Word of God says and that is what we follow.

And there's much more here, but I pray that this is enough just to lay the groundwork from God's point of view of what a man is.

Now before we get to the place of what a godly man looks like, we should look into the prerequisite of being a godly man in the first place. In the Book of Genesis, in Chapter 2:7, the Word of God reads, **"And the Lord God formed"** *[let me back up, excuse me]* **"And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."**

So what does this have to do with being a man of God? And the answer I would give you is based on the imagery by what we see here when we read this verse because one of the things that I see is the closeness to God that man would have the privilege of being a part of at creation.

Do we see that?

To me, it speaks volumes because God could have just spoken man into existence, but that's not the image we have here. We were created for a unique purpose, perfect in His direct presence, formed by God, in the presence of God.

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And that is exactly where we need to get back to as men, in the direct presence of God, in His perfection by His perfect word.

Are we tracking?

And just look how close this account is. God breathed into his nostrils, and then man came alive.

Think about that. If someone said they breathed on you, you wouldn't think they were in Texas, right? You would think they were in front of you. That's that closeness.

Then man came alive. This is the only way, the only way that we have any hope as men to become godly. It all starts and ends here, this personal relationship with the true and living God is a must in order for us to be godly men, and women, by the way.

But in this account of creation of man, think about this. It occurred before the woman was given to the man.

Follow me. This occurred before the woman was given to the man. Man was made. God breathed; man came alive. This is the model that should be followed.

And I wish I would've taught my sons this early on. God first, God first. And that's the model we should be teaching. Now that we know better, we should do better. Today that is what I teach, and I pray that it is received.

Remaining close to God in the hopes of being that godly man, husband, and father, knowing God. This is what we need. Doing so, we can properly execute the office of being a man of God.

Keyword: Properly. There's a proper way that we are to conduct ourselves, and we all need to be aware of it.

Our lives should reflect Jesus. It needs to happen early, early, and we should be teaching this to those who are younger. They need to know it.

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And all of this will tie into our teaching, especially next service regarding the godly women. Yeah.

[Laughter]

Equal opportunity convictions here.

[Laughter]

But those of you who are young men consider these words captured in the Book of Psalms, Chapter 119:9. As the Word of God reads, **"How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your Word."**

Who's word?

God's Word.

Who is the Word?

Jesus the Christ.

His character is the standard for man because His standard is flawless. And even though we are fallen, godly character is shown throughout the Scriptures by many men and women.

And within that godly character, there are several attributes that all the children of God should display by the power of the Holy Spirit. Of course we fail, but that's not the excuse.

And when it comes to man, these are really critical because of the position that God has placed us in. And because of that position, absent godly character, man more than often will find himself ill prepared to fill the office of being a godly husband and a godly father. That's the reality of it.

And we can arrange these in many types of ways. The list is very extensive, and we don't have time to get in most of them. But the hope is that we'll be able to see some of these attributes that I believe capture the essence of what the Bible speaks about regarding the godly character of a man.

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In fact, when we continue in the Book of Psalms, we have this passage of Scripture that captures the most vital trait that a man of God must have and then it actually shows as you go on and read from A-Z how that plays out for the man of God throughout his life.

But we're going to focus on one major theme, and I'm speaking about Chapter 128:1-4 in the Book of Psalms. The Word of God reads, **"Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants, all around your table."**

Verse 4, **"Behold thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord."**

Do we see and hear this? Not surprising, right? A godly man must fear the Lord. And this fear is not just a literal fear, which we should have by the way. This is also a fear of reverence and awe of God, respect to the highest degree.

We need to have this especially as men, and yes, it's for all of us, but man, I tell you when a man doesn't have it, it causes many problems that continues to show its dominance today in families. And this is being a weak leader in the home.

Because fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, godly wisdom. Absent that, you can have all the wisdom of the world you want, but minus godly wisdom, that wisdom will be brought to nothing. And homes suffer because of this lack of fear.

As men, sometimes I think we lose this perspective when it comes to God. We don't fear Him. And that fear of the Lord would be reflective in our walk with the Lord.

Those who fear the Lord do not walk like the men of the world walk. There's a difference, at least there should be.

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And in verse 2 of Psalm 128, we see that the fear of the Lord leads to being prosperous in our works, emotionally satisfied, and having a future that shall be well with us.

All from fearing the Lord. But before that happens, we also must walk in His ways. This is what the man of God must do. The question is: Are we doing it?

Are we?

Now I do pray that we all fear the Lord, but that is not just coming to church. That doesn't prove it. And being a Christian man does not make us godly men.

There's a difference. A godly man would honor his Creator and put his Creator first.

In the Book of Malachi, Chapter 1:6-8, the Word of God reads, **"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My name.**

Yet you say, 'In what way have we despised Your name?' 'You offer defiled food on My altar, but say, 'In what way have we defiled You?' By saying, 'The table of the Lord is contemptible [or despicable].'"

Verse 8, **" And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it then to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you favorably? Says the Lord of hosts?"**

In this account, God is addressing the priests of Israel regarding them defiling His altar by offering lame and sick animals, the least of the batch, the throwaways. And it was not like they did not know what honor looked like.

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Oh, they did. They just no longer had honor for the true and living God. They didn't honor Him. And it showed in their walk.

And I tell you, my brothers, we need to take this to heart. Do we give the Lord our best or scraps? We need to examine ourselves when it comes to our time.

Is all our time spent on us? And then the three seconds we have left - amen. Do we even attempt to incorporate Jesus in our lives? Do we sit in the pews like, I can't wait until this is over? I'm only here because of Martha, right?

Do we spend time in the Scriptures on our own? Do we, as men, truly give God our first fruits or the rotten fruits? God knows our heart. We can dodge man all day. God is a different story.

And this is important because it all starts with us men. And I understand that work gets in the way. Don't forget I spent 30 years under the Government umbrella, months at a time. Oh, wait I get it.

But did I ever find the opportunity to spend with the Lord? I better had. It's a little easier when you are out on deployment. You are with the Lord every day. Lord! Oh, get me home. But that's not what I'm talking about. You know what I'm talking about.

Is it God or is it sports?

Is it God or is it fitness?

Is it God - and you can keep going on and on.

Education can get in the way. Friends can get in the way.

Family can get in the way.

What has our attention as men more than God? In all that we do, God must be placed first, and we must treat Him with the respect He deserves.

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He's not to be played with like some pen pal. God is seated on the throne, and we are but dust. We should serve Him in all that we do.

It's funny how we give our bosses so much honor and respect, right?

Think about it.

Hey, the boss man -- hey, boss! Right?

People panic with the boss comes around.

Boss man. Lay out the red carpet, give him the biggest steak at the dinner. Want to sit right next to him.

But when it comes to serving the Lord, scraps. Man is the snare. Somehow serving God is beneath us and that is an indictment on us all.

In the Book of Colossians Chapter 3:23-24, the Word of God reads, **"And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men."**

As to the Lord -- you can do that, but make sure it's to the Lord. You are representing God. I'm representing God. **"Knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."**

So long as those acts show Jesus, good to go, but when they're self-serving, they are not good at all. Again my men, we need to be serving Jesus in all that we do. He deserves our honor above everything.

And not to mention that everything that we do here today will impact us in the millennial kingdom. I've said it before, and I will continue to say so.

It should open our eyes. We should have a kingdom, kingdom concept. That would change our walk. Even ever so slightly, it would be a benefit.

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A kingdom concept. There will be structure in the Millennial Kingdom, believe it or not. And what we do here today will determine that in many ways.

Someone asked me or said a comment one time; I taught about the Millennial Kingdom.

And I don't look at comments; my wife does. You know, she'll look at them and then she'll kind of like - hey - if it is a constructive criticism - I missed something, which I don't intend to do, and if I do, I'm like, oh, and I try to readdress it, and I'm so appreciative of that.

But on this one, she said, hey, I've got to bring this up to you. Some guy commented and said, "Are we on a merit system?" And put a bunch of laugh emojis and said, "Who is this guy?"

Merit system: Are we on a merit system?

No, my friend, we're on an honor system, and all of that honor belongs to God. So all that we do, yes counts, as well as what we don't do.

And if we understand this, we should be more persuaded to take God seriously. And please take notice that all of this happens before marriage.

Are you tracking with me?

This is the ideal way. The godly man comes before the godly husband.

Are we tracking?

I wish I would have followed that.

I can only imagine how much closer I would be to the true and living God if I did.

Now, what I don't do is beat myself up about it, neither should anyone else. But we should use it to educate others,

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warn others, especially those who have the opportunity to follow the perfect model, those young men, young men of God.

Your life? Oh, my goodness, it would be so abundant by following God's perfect plan.

And this takes us back to that work I talked about, that purposeful work. In the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 24:27, the Word of God reads, **"Prepare your outside work. Make it fit for yourself in the field. And afterward, build your house."**

Let me bring this into perspective. In other words, before a godly man commits to a wife, he should be settled in a life, a life that would provide - afterward build your house.

Do you hear this godly wisdom?

I hope you do.

How many disastrous outcomes have we seen because this perfect model is not followed?

Get things together in order first, then.

Doesn't nature do that? Have you ever seen that?

The birds build a nest, spend all that time, getting it all nice and comfy, then they go out chirping and whistling.

(chirping)

[Laughter]

Right?

We can learn a lot from nature. And it goes deeper than this. Because it also speaks about how men should have those priorities, right?

Willing earners, willing to work, ready, understanding that office prior to marriage.

Too many young men today look at the older man's end, and they want that now.

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Are you following me?

Entitlements? They want that now. They don't want to go through the 30 or 40 years it took to get there. They live in microwave lives, right? Beep, beep, beep, it will be done in a few moments.

That's not how it works. That's not how we were designed. And that's why all the stuff going on today in the world, dealing with that entitlement stuff brings chaos.

Everybody is looking for an excuse to do nothing. Countless hours marching around screaming, and then interviewers go to them, and some of it is so hilarious.

"So what are you here for?"

"Um, yeah, we have to."

What? Do you even know why you are out here? What they do know is they don't want to work, and it's sad.

The world is selling people dreams. And what's worse than that, so is the church in many cases, dreams.

Please understand that the American dream is not God's design. That is part of our problem, this American dream. God said live simple lives, humble lives.

And that doesn't mean you have to be deterred from a high-paying job or career. If that diligent work leads to riches, oh, my goodness, God will add no sorrow with it, but the Word of God says do not labor to be rich.

And there's a reason for that because you will never or hardly ever follow God chasing money.

Now, because of all of this that we talked about the godly man, this makes the godly man a model to transition into the godly husband.

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How easier is it by having this background as a young man would it be to be a godly husband? A lot easier, not flawless, of course. We still have to deal with those wives.

[Laughter]

But it will help.

So here comes the wife, and that takes us to the well-known passage captured in the Book of Ephesians, Chapter 5:25. The Word of God reads, **"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her."**

It's more palatable now. I've been with God a long time. I get it. Don't be like me thrown in the mix then trying to be a godly man, godly husband, and a godly father all at once. Oh, my goodness!

Pastor JD talks about this often, this verse. When he does weddings, he tells us men and those that he marries the only way that this can be accomplished is by the power of the Holy Spirit.

And our love towards our wives or lack thereof will tell us what kind of spirit we have in us. And this was the verse that broke me into pieces years ago. As I looked at it and pulled it apart so to speak, it pulled me apart.

And I'm thankful. It showed me how much of an unloving man I was. And to this day, it kills me.

Love your wives as Christ also loved the church, that alone should stop us in our tracks because when we think about it, Jesus loves the church throughout the ages of the church. And here we are living in the age of the Laodiceans, and His love is still for His church.

Think about that, husbands.

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His love is not because of the way the church responded to Him. His love for the church is genuine love in obedience to the Father.

That's how we need to look at all of our situations in dealing with our wives.

You're looking for their response?

You get in trouble. You will be in trouble. Oh, my goodness. Don't do it! Save your life! Save it!

It goes like this: You say you know what?

I'm going to do something good for Jennifer today. I'm going to -- and you put it -- yes, man, God, You like that?

Cool! I'm going to do that.

You go home and do all of that stuff.

And she's like, I'm going to bed. I did all these things! Oh, I see.

Here's the problem.

We're doing for our wives. Hmm, that's an issue.

Do all things unto the Lord. That changes things.

Now it's not about your response.

Hey, I guess you had a bad day. Lord, I was obedient to You, and I'm going to keep it pushing.

That's how we should look at it. This is what this says, in part.

Christ still loves the church even though the church is jacked up today, right?

That's what put me on the path, changed my perspective, and allowed God to really do a work in me by the power of His Spirit as I seek to become that godly man.

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And please know it is never too late to become a godly man or allow God to do that process in you. Take it from the wretched one, late bloomer, and I'm so thankful of what God has done and continues to do.

And I'm not perfect, nor will I ever be until that perfect day. But until then, I pray that He will continue to convict me and make me a better man for Him.

If I am the man God wants me to be, everything else lines up. It all lines up. Sadly, we, as men, too often succumb to our weakness.

We do.

Christ loved the church, right? Gave His life for her. What does that show in some degree?

The Lord does what to the church?

Provides for the church, doesn't He?

Throughout the ages, even until today, He is a provider. His Word says so.

We should be providers, right, to our own wives as godly men, naturally.

But we succumb to the weakness. Nope, we don't do that. Instead of being providers as to the Lord, we become controlling providers as to the Devil.

There is nowhere in the Scriptures that I see where the Son of Man holds what He has or is doing for the church over our heads to control us.

Are you hearing me?

I don't see it in the Scriptures.

Jesus provides for the church because He loves the church. And as men of God, we must do the same.

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We should never use our provisions over our wives as a controlling mechanism. That is horrible! It is a most shameful act as a husband.

And I can say so because that used to be me. How many times I prance around, I work, I spent such-and-such time, I did this, that, and the third.

Who cares?

If I had have known this, I would have sat down and colored, like my wife doesn't deserve this, like she's not worth it. Controlling; it is sick. It is wrong. And if that is you, seek God.

On the authority of God's Word, allow me to show you how bad this is. For it is written: **"But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."**

Oh, I gave her bread and shelter.

Really? Oh, I see, a minimalist, the bare minimum to survive and string her along, dangle a carrot in front of her face. And you don't think God takes notice?

Oh, He does. And you better take notice too, as I had to do.

Our jobs are a means to provide. Providing for our wife and families should be done out of love and obedience, not for some controlling response.

What else does Jesus show us?

Our Lord is also our protector for the church, is He not? Just like a godly man should be a protector for his wife.

Now that may seem obvious, but do we really know what this protection looks like? Because this is not just some physical protection.

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This is also and perhaps more important represents spiritual protection.

But what do we see today?

First let me - this church; I'm so thankful there's a lot of men here. Praise the Lord for that!

But in many churches today, what do you see? The pews are filled with women, and that's not because the man is working. He has other priorities yet still calls himself a Christian.

Oh, assembling with the saints? Oh, please that's for the women and those weak men.

Nothing can be further from the truth. That is a lie from the father of lies.

As men of God, we should be leading this effort, leading in prayer, learning God's Word, and discussing it with our wives, all that we've learned.

And to that learned wife, lift up that man. The worst thing you can do when he opens up the Scriptures and don't quite understand yet is start, "But you don't get it." Oh, but we will get to that next service.

[Laughter]

But we should be doing this as men. We need to lead spiritually in the home. This is for her protection, our protection, the family's protection.

That's a part of our job, our duty in the office as a godly man.

And a woman of God will respond. They will. And they should see this strength of our faith. That will strengthen their faith. And they should have this type of covering by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord is also passionate for the church, right?

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Just like we should be passionate towards our wives.

Jesus gave His life for the church. Or can I say gave His life up for the church?

Think about it.

What have we given up for the lives of our wives? Anything? Are we passionate like this?

This was the ultimate passion ever displayed, and we are charged to have the same type of passion for our wives. That means emotionally, not just physically connected to them. It should be intense; it should be sincere. It should be constant.

How should this look, this type of giving up one's life?

This is a part of dying to self as well. And in fact, I would say this is the most masculine way to die because it takes a real man to die to himself for the life of his wife.

Things that I pursued no longer mean anything. I have a mission, and that mission is to love my wife as Christ loved the church.

All of this is a display of being obedient to the Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If we want to imitate Christ as husbands, this is a good place to start, and it doesn't end here either. It lasts until He comes for us. So we need to stay obedient.

And ask yourselves, fathers who have daughters, what kind of man do you want her with?

Does she look at you and say I want a man like you?

What about your son?

Do it now. Do it now. My sons are grown, already set in their ways, and they look exactly like I did, and it crushes me.

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One book in the Bible that does not receive much attention is the Song of Solomon. And if you never read it before, I would encourage you to do so, especially as the men. They show us that our wives need attention.

When Pastor JD talks about this, he refers to the "Three A's" that the woman needs, attention, affirmation, and affection.

We need to be attentive to our wives, and that's not just having five-minute conversation and running out the door, no.

We need to be attentive. She is the priority, and she needs to know that. And there's many ways you can look at this, but I hope you get the point. It needs to be engaging, focused, and you need to have that connection, make it work by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Some of you cats might be like well, you just don't know my wife, man. What do you mean I've got to talk to her? She'll talk me to death.

Well, that's a part of dying to self.

[Laughter]

Right?

It really is. And there's many ways to work on that. Start with prayer.

Next, our wives need that affirmation. They must know where they stand with us. The wife must know where she stands with the husband.

She's special. No one else compares to her. She needs to know that.

Every man of God puts God first and the wife, that distant second, but on this earth, she's number 1. And that is over mother, father, cousins, uncles, friends, pets, whatever.

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The Bible says, **"Therefore a man should leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife."** That does not include mother-in-law.

[Laughter]

Now that doesn't mean that you have to disband from your family, no. As the Lord leads, continue to take care, have your own family dynamic, but you get the point.

Any situation that's going to cause that affirmation to be in question needs to be discussed with that wife. She's earned it. And we need to show it to her.

And I believe that people should tell, not only should she know where she stands with you, but other people. And over time, they should see that.

You really treat your wife well. She is secure with you.

A godly man will affirm his wife.

Lastly, as a godly man, we need to show our wives affection, and affection is given in many different ways. And in every way, affection needs to be demonstrated to our wives.

One of the most impressive things that I see regarding this is couples who are 70 and 80 years old still holding hands, still hugging, still kissing. That's impressive.

We have Christians in their 20s and 30s that won't even do that. And what's worse, I see more affection from same-sex couples than I do from Christians.

What are we doing? Is it now forbidden to hold your wife's hand?

Now there's a time and a place for everything. Don't get me wrong; I'm not saying we should be coming to church as Corinthians, something like that, but you get my point, right?

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Affection towards our wives should be endless. And as we age, you just become more creative. You should never lose that affection.

And we should never deprive them of this type of affection. That is horrible!

And they need to know that we are well-pleased, and they also need to know that there's no need for an upgrade, no need for replacement parts. I'm just fine. You are good just like you are.

They need to know as they age, hey, it's just like wine, baby. It just gets better. And that's what we ought to do as godly men.

In the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 5:18-19, the Word of God reads, **"Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of your youth. As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times and always be enraptured with her love."**

Always, not till I'm 65. Once I get that Social Security check, all affection stops.

No, always be enraptured with her love. That means hypnotized. That's how we should be.

Think about it. All of this that we spoke about regarding a godly man is about honoring the true and living God, which in turn, should lead to honoring our wives and families that God has ordained.

Not doing this brings some very painful consequences that none of us can afford.

In the Book of 1 Peter, Chapter 3:7, the Word of God reads, **"Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as**

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being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."

On the authority of God's Word, I will tell you the hindrance of our prayers are linked to how we honor our wives, or do not.

Do we hear that?

This should be very sobering for all of us men. If it's not for you, it is for me. We would do well, to treat them accordingly and that's according to the Scriptures.

Now, let us not let our heads hang low. That's not the point and purpose of all of this.

We need to allow the Holy Spirit of God to make this happen and stop trying to do it on our own. Get in God's Word. That is how we man-up and be godly.

Why don't we stand? Kaponu, come bless us with song. Why don't we pray?

Father in Heaven, I've done what You told me to do, and whatever mistakes I made, I know by the power of Your Holy Spirit, You will correct it for those who hear and allow it to enter all of our hearts.

This is for us. We need this, and we need this now more than ever.

So I thank You for it. And Lord, if no one was touched, I know I was, and I am so appreciative of Your words of truth. And we love You and thank You so much.

Change us and keep us, and may us the church of Philadelphia. In the mighty name of Yeshua, Jesus the Christ we do pray, amen.