THE GODLY MAN

Luke 6:47-48; Genesis 12:1-4; 2:18

Introduction: Every man has had someone he has tried to imitate. It may have been his hair style, his dress style, his mannerism, his voice/speech, his attitude, his physical appearance. How many have found a Godly man and tried to imitate him? Just what is a Godly man like? How can others be Godly men?

I. A GODLY MAN AS A DISCIPLE OF JESUS (Luke 6:47-48)

- 1. The strongest foundation for life is Jesus Christ.
- 2. God's Grace is how the foundation for life is built. (*Ephesians 2:8*)
- 3. A devotional life is part of a disciple's life.
- 4. Jesus Christ is Lord, Chief, Ruler, Owner of the disciple's life, there is no room for self.
- 5. He is devoted to God's Word:
 - In hearing it receiving other's ideas of God's Word.
 - In reading it giving him an overall picture.
 - In studying it leading to personal discoveries.
 - In memorizing it can use it as a weapon against Satan or a tool to witness for the Lord.
 - In meditating on it allowing the word's transforming power to work.

II. A GODLY MAN AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVE (Genesis 12:1-4)

- 1. Abraham is a prime example of a Godly man.
 - His attitude toward God he was responsive and obedient.
 - His attitude toward his wife he was loving and protective.
 - His attitude toward his children he was loving and caring.
 - His attitude toward others he was compassionate (consider Sodom and his concern).
- 2. No better example in doing God's will can be found than Jesus Christ.
 - Believe that you can know God's will for you.
 - Seek God's will and then do it.
 - Be neutral and willing to go anywhere and do anything.
 - Pray for more faith.
 - Worship God daily.
 - Be willing to wait on God.
- 3. In the Church:
 - Be a part of a local Church.
 - Fulfill God's purpose for one's life in God's Church.
 - Attend, tithe and serve within that Church.

III. A GODLY MAN AS A HUSBAND (Genesis 2:18)

- 1. Godly marriages require Godly partners.
- 2. Husbands are charged before God with the leadership role of the home.
- 3. In love:
 - Be patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, have good manners, be not selfish, rejoice in what is right, be not arrogant, be not irritable, be not resentful.
- 4. Be a Hero.
 - By nature women are followers, responders, wanting someone to look up to, to admire.
 - The wife wants to be proud of her husband in appearance, in integrity and in faithfulness.

IV. A GODLY MAN AS A FATHER

- 1. Children are God's assignments or commission and God doesn't waste children on parents.
 - God knows the very kind to send.
 - Ever think that God have you children because of what you could do for them?
 - God also gave you children because of what they can do for you.
- 2. Who is supposed to teach your children?
 - Who is supposed to instruct, train, discipline and nurture them?
- 3. The bible says to parents:
 - Parents cannot make Jesus Christ real to their children if He is not real to themselves.
 - Practice what you want your children to practice.
 - Don't do anything different if you want them to be like you.
 - Pray for wisdom.
 - Parents discipline your children together.
 - Encourage and support your children.
 - Don't be overly protective.
 - Watch your parental pride, don't re-live your youth through them.
 - Children learn what they live.

CONCLUSION:

- 1. So men, what kind of men are you? Are you Godly? Are you a Godly father, husband?
- 2. Instead of trying to imitate someone you think is a Godly person, you can be that Godly person that others want to be like.
- 3. Men, God has appointed you to be the leader, the example setter in your family. What kind of leader are you? What kind of example are you setting for your family and for others that are watching?
- 4. God has given instructions for men, fathers, husbands, follow those instructions and be the kind of man God wants you to be a GODLY MAN.