

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOD-DEPENDENT MAN

[Part 1]

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Androgyny:

The blending of both male and female characteristics.

It comes from two words:

andros: man

gynē: woman

*"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.**" (Gen. 1:27)*

Jesus affirmed this truth in His teaching about the holiness of marriage: *"But from the beginning of creation, **God made them male and female...**" (Mark 10:7)*

*"We know that **we are of God**, [now the spiritual contrast is stated] and that the **whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**" (1 John 5:19)*

For those of us who are of God — we who belong to God through faith in Jesus Christ — Jesus has come to give us "**understanding** so that we may know Him who is **true**; and we are in Him who is **true**, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the **true** God and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

"John's threefold use of the word *alēthinos* (true) in this verse stresses the importance of **understanding the truth** in a world filled with Satan's lies."
(John MacArthur)

How does the Bible define a faithful man?

- A faithful man is a **God-dependent** man.
- A faithful man is a **Jesus-pleasing** man.

A **spiritual leader** — a spiritual **example** of **God-likeness** worthy for others to follow.

The issue is not perfection in how you lead.

The issue in God's priority for your spiritual leadership is **love** expressed in **faithfulness with perservance**.

FAITHFUL: 8 Biblical Characteristics of MEN

MEN who are living in this love for Jesus and persevering with courage and conviction to be faithful to Jesus Christ.

MEN who are laboring in spiritual sweat to "*...deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in this present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus....*"

MEN who depend on God in their role and responsibilities as God-honoring spiritual leaders — who set their hearts to please Jesus in all that they think, say, and do.

Follower of Jesus Christ

1 John 2:6

1 Corinthians 11:1 and Ephesians 5:1

imitators (*mimetes*) = to follow or copy the words or actions of someone (root of our English words *mime* and *mimic*)

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1 Corinthians 4:14-17

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you." (Phil. 4:9)

“Always” Man

Dependable to do right due to your integrity

Psalms 101:2-3

Psalms 26:1-3

Integrity is an unflinching commitment to doing the right thing, the truthful thing, the Jesus-pleasing thing because **God** says it's the right thing.

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