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IALITIES OF A GODLY WI

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Proverbs 18:22 – "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord." "An <u>excellent</u> wife who can find? She is far <u>more precious</u> than <u>jewels</u>. The <u>heart</u> of <u>her husband trusts in her</u>..." Proverbs 31:10-11a

God desires every marriage to be bless and healthy. Every wife plays a big role in marriage and if she obeys God's Word and allows Him to make her more like Jesus she will be able to have godly qualities that He desires to help her become the godly wife to her husband. Husbands must never forget that the only perfect wife in Bible History was Eve and she fell from grace as she gave in to satan's tricks but every wife today can have godly qualities in her life because of what Jesus did on the cross.

WHAT ARE SOME GODLY QUALITIES OF A WIFE? SHE <u>LOVES</u> GOD AND HER HUSBAND

Why does she love God so much? Because Jesus touched her heart in a special way when she was saved. Luke 7:37-48 She loves her husband because of the love of God that flows from her grateful heart. She is able to love her husband even in difficult times when he treats her with meanness and harshness because the 'Love of God' flows through her heart. She understands <u>her human love</u> is limited and that she needs the **love of God** to continue to flow from her heart to love her husband.

II. SHE IS <u>COMMITTED</u> TO HER HUSBAND AND HER MARRIAGE

She made a commitment to God and her husband the day they got married in the presence of God. To death do we part was a promise she took serious that wedding day when they said their vows before God. The word commitment means a pledge or promise; obligation. She understands what a promise is and that she made that promise to God and to her husband when they got married. "When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay." Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

SHE IS A <u>PRAYER</u> WARRIOR

She has a personal relationship with God in her prayer closet. She understands the importance of being connected to Jesus. When problems arise in the marriage she knows the key to victory and the solution is trusting God. Psalms 88:13 – "But I, O LORD, <u>cry to you</u>; in the morning my prayer comes before you." Whatever the problems in the marriage, she cries unto God for help. A husband problem, she cries unto the Lord. Money problems, she cries unto God for help. People problems, yes, she cries unto Jesus for help and protection. The devil is attacking the marriage, she cries unto God, "But I, O LORD, cry to <u>You</u>; in the morning my prayer comes before you." SHE IS FAITHFUL



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Why is she faithful to her husband? She values her relationship with God and values her vows she made to God and her husband. Psalms 119:30 - "I have chosen the way of **faithfulness**; I set your rules before me. She has chosen the way of faithfulness to God and to her husband. She is in love with God and her husband. Marriage for her is very serious and she promised God and her husband on that wedding day to be faithful to him. **WIFE** take your **<u>HUSBAND</u>** to be my wedded husband; and I do promise and covenant before God and these witnesses to be your loving and faithful wife: She is faithful to God and to her husband! SHE IS WISE

She is wise because her trust is totally upon God to help her establish her marriage and household. Proverbs 9:1- "Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars. She understands the importance of having God in the center of her marriage. Psalms 127:1- "Unless the Lord builds the house. the builders labor in vain." She is trusting God's Word to help her build a strong marriage. She is wise enough to know that a strong marriage is built by applying the Word of God and practicing it. Many foolish wives destroy their marriages because they do not depend on God and don't practice the Word of God. Proverbs 14:1 - "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down." Today, how many foolish women are destroying their marriages because of their own foolishness. They will give an account to God. But the 'Wise Wife' builds her house with the help from God and His Word.

SHE HAS A FORGIVING HEART

She understands what Jesus said in His Word, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matt. 6:14-15 She knows that an unforgiving heart will fill her heart with grudges, anger, bitterness and hatred toward her husband and that her prayers will be hinder. She is smart enough to know that her unforgiving heart will lead to the destruction of her relationship with God and her husband. If she cannot forgive her husband for whatever he did to her, she understands the danger of the devil's potential to destroy her marriage. In marriage you will be hurt by your husband because he is not perfect and most of all he

has a sinful nature that for many is running 100% full blast because of his lack of prayer. But the wife that is wise with the help of the Holy Spirit will forgive her husband and she will trust God to deal with him and to change him. She takes the matter to God in her prayer closet and tells God all that he is doing to her and with expectation will trust that Jesus will spank him and deal with him. **She knows that only God can change her husband.**

Proverbs 3:5 – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;" She is trusting God to handle her husband and to deal with him. And all she has to do when he offends her, is harsh or mean with her is to forgive him and take it to her prayer closet.

SHE <u>OBEYS</u>, <u>SUBMITS</u>, AND <u>RESPECTS</u> HER HUSBAND



"<u>Wives</u>, <u>submit yourselves to your own</u> <u>husbands</u> as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, <u>so also wives should</u> <u>submit to their husbands in everything."</u> Ephesians 5:22-24

She understands that to put to practice these verses she will need the help of the Holy

Spirit. She knows that she also has a sinful nature that wants to rebel and not submit in certain areas. But she is wise enough to ask God to help her submit to her husband "in everything" As she submits to the authority of her husband the full protection and blessings of God are upon that marriage. 1 Peter 3:6 - "like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right **and do** not give way to fear."When wives are obedient to their husbands; God will come in and do the miracle that needs to be done in the heart of stubborn husbands. The wife that is wise will obey her husband and will trust God to help her whenever the husband is unfair. ("...and do not give way to fear.") So ladies, don't be afraid to submit and to obey your husbands because Jesus has your back. He will protect you and defend you rom unjust and unfair husbands. Psalms 121:7 – "The Lord will keep you rom all harm —he will watch over your life Ephesians 5:33 – "However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Many wives today are <u>lacking</u> in their respect to their husbands and God doesn't ake this lightly because of their disobedience to His Word. The wife that does not respect her husband is bringing shame to herself and to other Christian wives. Why? She is not a godly example to the lost sinner and to the Body of Christ. God commands that "the wife must respect her husband." When she respects her husband her children will see her godly example and will do same when they get married to their spouses. "Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own

husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words **by the behavior of their wives**, when they see the purity and **reverence of your lives.**" 1Peter 3:1-2 A godly wife will obey, submit and respect

her husband. SHE UNDERSTANDS HER HUSBAND'S NEEDS

She will protect her husband and marriage by not neglecting her duty in her marriage bed. "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral." Heb. 13:4 She knows the danger of satan and his temptations against her husband when it comes to sexual immorality; adultery. She is wise to meet her husband's sexual needs. They are married and sex plays a big role in any marriage. This is one of the main reasons people get married. "But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control." God is the One that design sex, but for it to be enjoyed between husband and wife. "Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a

graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love." Proverbs 5:18-19 God is saying to enjoy one another as husband and wife. There are many more qualities of a godly wife, but allow your wife to excel in the ones she has and the ones that God is perfecting in her life. The godly wife is not perfect and she will fall short at times but she is trusting God to help her build her marriage and home.

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