

“THE MAN OF GOD”
1 TIMOTHY 6:6-16; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17

INTRO: **FATHER’S DAY** is a day in our culture when we give special **respect** and **honor** to **FATHERS SPECIFICALLY and MEN IN GENERAL**. But from the biblical perspective, **respect** and **honor** should not be extended to all or every man, but rather to those who live according to **BIBLICAL STANDARDS**. According to the record of the Word of God, the phrase **MAN OF GOD** is used in both the Old and the New Testaments to describe men who had a unique relationship with and ministry from God, such as a called prophet, or one who was chosen by God to accomplish a certain purpose for God. In the text we have before us, the phrase **MAN OF GOD** is used in a unique way with an attached description as to **THE EXPECTED QUALITIES OF THE MAN OF GOD FROM GOD’S PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE**. So, on this **FATHER’S DAY**, let’s examine from the scripture who the **MAN OF GOD IS** and **WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF SUCH A ONE**.

NOTE: In our context, the phrase **MAN OF GOD** was directed to Timothy who was a born again Christian and student of the Apostle Paul who God had called to be the pastor at the Church of Ephesus, which was founded by Paul. Paul was giving Timothy instruction on the qualities of a **MAN OF GOD** so that he could serve the Lord effectively, which qualities are applicable to every man who wants to be a **MAN OF GOD** in our time.

I. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MAN OF GOD

A. From Timothy’s Perspective

-One who was saved and who knew the scriptures from the time of his childhood who no doubt was led to the Lord and taught by his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. Note: 2 Timothy 1:1-5 and 3:14,15

B. From Our Perspective

1. The Primary Description

-One who is Born Again through Faith in Jesus Christ – John 3:3,5,7

2. The Practical Description

- a. One who Regularly Practices Faith – Hebrews 11:6
- b. One who Regularly Studies Scripture – Joshua 1:8
- c. One who Regularly Practices Prayer – 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- d. One who Regularly Serves the Lord – Joshua 24:14,15
- e. One who Regularly Flees Sin – 1 Thessalonians 5:22
- f. One who Regularly Serves the Church – Hebrews 10:25

II. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MAN OF GOD

A. The Man of God Flees Certain Things – Vs. 11a.

-Material things that can distract spiritual living – Vss. 6-10

B. The Man of God Follows Certain Things – Vs. 11b.

1. Righteousness – Upright living before God
2. Godliness – Honoring God and living for God’s glory
3. Faith – Being totally faithful to God and His Word
4. Love – Toward God first and others second
5. Patience – Endurance in the face of trials
6. Meekness – Responding to God without rebellion and to others without retaliation.

C. The Man of God Fights Certain Things – Vs. 12a.

1. The word “**FIGHT**” is a military term that teaches the significance of putting forth our very best effort to do all we can to grow in our faith, serve the Lord and promote the Gospel.
2. The word “**FIGHT**” was used by Paul to describe his service to the Lord – 2 Timothy 4:7

D. The Man of God Focuses on Certain Things – Vs. 12b.

“LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE”

1. This is not suggesting that we work for our salvation through personal efforts.
2. This teaches that we are to **LIVE A GODLY LIFE** in the sense that **ETERNAL LIFE IS THE CONCEPT OF KNOWING GOD**. Note John 17:3

III. THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAN OF GOD

2 Timothy 3:16,17

- A. Accepting the Doctrine of the Word of God
- B. Accepting the Reproof of the Word of God
- C. Accepting the Correction of the Word of God
- D. Accepting the Instruction of the Word of God

RESULTING IN BEING EQUIPPED TO DOING THE WORKS AND WILL OF GOD

-Vs. 17

LESSON AND APPLICATION

GOD DESIRES EVERY CHRISTIAN MALE TO BE AN HONORABLE MAN OF GOD IN DESCRIPTION, DEPORTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. SIR, DOES THAT DESCRIBE YOU? DETERMINE TODAY TO YIELD TO THE WORD OF GOD AND BE THE MAN OF GOD THAT GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE. NOT JUST RELIGIOUS OR A CHURCH MEMBER, BUT A REAL SAVED, SANCTIFIED SURE MAN OF GOD.