

# Man of God

## Points to Consider

1. A Person of God Flees Certain Things
2. A Person of God Pursues Righteousness and Godliness
3. A Person of God Pursues Faith

## A Person of God Flees Certain Things

### 1 Tim 6:3-10

A person of God flees those who think that godliness is a means of \_\_\_\_\_.

A person of God flees the \_\_\_\_\_ to be rich.

A person of God flees the love of money and \_\_\_\_\_.

Those called "Man of God" in the Bible include (Moses, Samuel, David, Elijah and Elisha). There are a few others, but we don't have a name associated with them. They are simply called the man of God. There is also a reference to Idgah, a man of God (Jer 35:4).

**Num 16:12-15** *And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, "We will not come up! 13 Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should keep acting like a prince over us? 14 Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!" 15 Then Moses was very angry, and said to the Lord, "Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one donkey from them, nor have I hurt one of them." NKJV*

Moses could have used his position as a leader to become \_\_\_\_\_. He said he had not even taken a donkey from any of them.

### 2 Kings 5:5-6 ; 2 Kings 5:15-16

Nathan offered Elisha around \$348,000 worth of silver and around \$217,500 worth of gold. Elisha was offered over half a million dollars plus ten changes of clothing, but he \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Sam 24:22-25** *Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood. 23 All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the Lord your God accept you." 24 Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and the plague was withdrawn from Israel. NKJV*

David was also a man of God who \_\_\_\_\_ to succumb to the sin of greediness.

David also gave to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for Solomon to have the resources to build the temple.

### So What?

- We need to be generous people.
- We need to put our worldly possessions in their proper places.

## A Person of God Pursues Righteousness and Godliness

**Righteousness** - 1. in the broad sense, the state of him who is such as he ought to be, righteousness

**Godliness** - reverence, respect; in the Bible everywhere piety toward God, godliness:

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**Ps 15:1-3** *Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; NKJV*

David knew that the Lord approves of a man who \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness.

Eph 2:10 says we were "created in Christ Jesus for good works."

### 1 Sam 24:16-22

Out of respect and \_\_\_\_\_ for God (godliness), David was what he ought to be (righteous). David worked righteousness by sparing Saul's life. This act was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the reverence and respect he had for God.

**2 Sam 9:1** *Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" NKJV*

David also acted righteously when he \_\_\_\_\_ the vows he made to both Saul and Jonathan.

### So What?

- We are righteous when we treat others with kindness because we have respect for God.
- We need to see others the way God sees them. David saw Saul as God's anointed. We need to see those who are lost as those who want to be found.
- We also need to see ourselves clearly. We are the way we should be because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

## A Person of God Pursues Faith

### 1 Kings 18:41-46

**James 5:15-18** *And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. NKJV*

Elijah trusted God to \_\_\_\_\_ his sacrifice.

Elijah trusted God to stop it from raining until he asked again.

Elijah trusted God enough to pray for it to \_\_\_\_\_ at his request.

Moses' faith enabled him to choose to suffer with God's people instead of enjoying the riches of Egypt.

David's faith allowed him to defeat a giant.

## **2 Kings 6:16-18**

Elisha had enough faith to know that regardless of the size of the enemy's army, God's army is \_\_\_\_\_ bigger!

## **2 Kings 6:24-25**

## **2 Kings 7:1-2**

Elisha had enough faith to pray a prayer everyone else thought was \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Kings 17:12-16** *So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." 13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'" 15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by Elijah. NKJV*

You don't have to be a prophet of God to act in \_\_\_\_\_!

## **So What?**

- Pray an extraordinary prayer. Don't out pray your faith and don't pray outside of God's will, but pray a prayer outside your comfort zone.
- Suggestions: Pray to overcome a spiritual weakness. Pray to overcome a financial barrier. Pray to overcome a sickness. Pray to overcome a fear. Pray for a lost soul.
- Pray for God to open the eyes of someone so they can see the help God is providing for them.
- Take a baby step of faith.