

A Good Man

Ps 112

Introduction:

1. Well, here we are on Father's Day
2. I thought I would help you ladies understand some of the things that men say.

"IT'S A GUY THING"

Translated: "There is no rational thought pattern connected with it, and you have no chance at all of making it logical."

"CAN I HELP WITH DINNER?"

Translated: "Why isn't it already on the table?"

"UH HUH," "SURE, HONEY," OR "YES, DEAR"

Translated: Absolutely nothing. It's a conditioned response.

"IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN"

Translated: "I have no idea how it works."

"TAKE A BREAK, HONEY. YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD."

Translated: "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner."

"YOU KNOW HOW BAD MY MEMORY IS."

Translated: "I remember the theme song to 'F Troop,' the address of the first girl I ever kissed, and the vehicle identification number of every car I've ever owned... but I forgot your birthday."

"OH, DON'T FUSS -- I JUST CUT MYSELF. IT'S NO BIG DEAL."

Translated: "I have actually severed a limb but will bleed to death before I admit that I'm hurt."

"HEY, I'VE GOT MY REASONS FOR WHAT I'M DOING."

Translated: "And I sure hope I think of some pretty soon."

"I CAN'T FIND IT."

Translated: "It didn't fall into my outstretched hands, so I'm completely clueless."

"I HEARD YOU."

Translated: "I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said and am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough so that you don't spend the next three days yelling at me."

"YOU LOOK TERRIFIC."

Translated: "Oh, please don't try on one more outfit. I'm starving."

"I'M NOT LOST. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE."

Translated: "No one will ever see us alive again."

"WE SHARE THE HOUSEWORK."

Translated: "I make the messes; she cleans them up."

3. "Of all human relationships, the bond between the father and child is one of the most powerful and complex. We may look at our mothers for unconditional love. But be we men or women, we often seek to validate our existence through the approval of our fathers. If our father dies or in some way is absent before we earn that approval, we live the rest of our lives feeling cheated." – T. Berry Brazelton, former chief of child development at Children's Hospital in Boston.
4. In this psalm David is talking about a good man

I. A Good Man is Right with the Lord - vs 1

1 Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

A. He Fears the Lord

1. This is a great characteristic
 - a) *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" – previous verse – Ps 110:10*
 - b) *Fear of God brings joy now and security in eternity*
 - c) *"Jehovah is so great that he is to be feared and had in reverence of all them that are round about him, and he is at the same time so infinitely good that the fear is sweetened into filial love, and becomes a delightful emotion, by no means engendering bondage."*
2. Those who respect and fear God are wise and they are setting a good example for their children

B. He Delights Greatly in His Commandments

1. This good man loves the Word of God
 - a) *He reads it, he studies it, he loves it*
 - b) *Obeying and practicing are not grievous*
2. Holiness is his happiness, devotion is his delight, truth is his treasure – Abraham is a good example

II. A Good Man is Right With His Family – vs 2

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

A. His Seed Will Be Great

1. When a man is right with the Lord, then he will have the spiritual equipment to be right with his family
2. He has the admiration of his wife and the respect of his children
3. His children follow his example
4. His children shall be blessed
5. Could it be that Lot thought to enrich his family by moving to Sodom, while Abraham feared the Lord and delighted greatly in His commandments and his generations were mighty in the earth.

B. Examples of Families

Two bizarre stories from recent police reports paint a somber picture of the negative influence a father can wield. In the Kerr County jail of Texas, forty-year-old Bill Wells was serving time for burglary. To his great surprise, he met up with another inmate who was also incarcerated for burglary, his twenty-two-year-old son, Corey Hillger. It was the first time they had seen each other since Corey was a small child.

Sheriff deputies outside of New Orleans, Louisiana, confirmed the unlikely event of two drunken drivers colliding with each other on the road. George Francois, age seventy-two, crashed his car into another drunken driver, his thirty-five-year-old son Roland Francois. Father and son were both hospitalized for the injuries they sustained. The influence of a father is a powerful force for either good or bad. -- Beaumont Examiner, April 1998

III. A Good Man Is Right With His Money – vs 3

3 Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever.

A. Wealth and Riches Shall Be in His House

1. Following God's principles and having a close relationship with Him yields success
 - a) *Jos 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*
2. This may not always be material wealth and riches
 - a) *There are things that are worth more than money*
 - b) *Many of the most spiritual people in the world are poor beyond description*
3. If we understand the passage spiritually it is abundantly true.
 - a) *What wealth can equal that of the love of God?*
 - b) *What riches can rival a contented heart?*
4. We Admire Those Who Were Honest
 - a) *It used to be that your word was your bond*
 - b) *A handshake sealed a deal*
 - c) *Now you have 2 or 3 lawyers, several witnesses and a notary seal to make someone pay their bills*
 - d) *We admire "honest Abe"*

B. His Righteousness Endureth Forever

1. Prosperity does not destroy the holiness of his life, or the humility of his heart.
2. His character stands the test of examination, overcomes the temptations of wealth, survives the assaults of slander, outlives the afflictions of time, and endures the trial of the last great day.

IV. A Good Man Is Right Toward Others – vs 4

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

1. In Ps 110:4 these words are spoken of God
2. When he saves us he makes us like Him
3. The “me-first” philosophy is rampant today
4. Do unto others before they do unto you.
5. “Lord, help me to live from day to day in such a self-forgetful way, That even when I kneel to pray, my prayer shall be for others. “Others”, Lord, yet others”. Let this my motto be; Help me to live for others, Lord that I may live like Thee.”
6. Job was right toward others

V. A Good Man is Right In His Giving – vs 5a

5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth ...

1. The good man is not greedy and a miser
2. The first 5 letters of miserable are miser
3. The good man tithes of his income and give to others who need his help

VI. A Good Man is Right In His Example – vs 5b

5b ... he will guide his affairs with discretion.

1. This good man knows where he is going for he has planned his journey well
2. He knows that others are following
3. To get his goodnight kiss he stood before my chair one night,
And raised an eager face to me, a face with love alight.
As I gathered in my arms the child God gave to me,
I thanked him for being good and hoped he’s always be. His little arms crept around my neck, and then I heard him say, Four simple words I can’t forget, words that made me pray. They turned a mirror on my soul, on secrets that no one knew. They startled me. I hear them yet; “I wanna be just like you.”
4. Daniel was right in his example

VII. A Good Man is Right in His Steadfastness – vs 6

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

A. He Doesn't Compromise

1. We need more men who will take a stand
2. It is harder to go against the crowd, it is far easier to compromise and be like everyone else
3. The ecumenical movement is so common today because people would rather join together while throwing Biblical truths out the window
4. Harmony used to be build on doctrine and then fellowship followed. Now the order is reversed.
5. God has rooted and established him so that neither men nor devils shall sweep him from his place.

B. Noah Didn't Compromise

VIII. A Good Man is Right In His Faith – vs 7

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

A. He is a Man of Faith

1. His faith is based on the Word of God
2. Crises do not shake him, his heart is fixed

B. Joseph Had Faith in Troubled Times

IX. A Good Man is Right Toward His Enemies – vs 8

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

1. He wants to see his enemies saved
2. Our worst enemy can become our best friend when Christ comes into his heart
3. Ro 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

X. A Good Man is Right in His Perseverance –

vs 9-10

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. 10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

1. It is good to see Christians persevere
2. It is good to see that everything is going to turn out OK
3. Nothing can change the outcome or destination of the believer
4. He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Christ Jesus

THE WORLD NEEDS MEN

...who cannot be bought;

...whose word is their bond;

...who put character above wealth;

...who are larger than their vocations;

...who do not hesitate to take chances;

...who will not lose their identity in a crowd;

...who will be as honest in small things as in great things;

...who will make no compromise with wrong;

...whose ambitions are not confined to their own selfish desires;

...who will not say they do it "because everybody else does it;"

...who are true to their friends through good report and evil report, in adversity as well as in prosperity;

...who do not believe that shrewdness and cunning are the best qualities for winning success;

...who are not ashamed to stand for the truth when it is unpopular;

...who can say "no" with emphasis, although the rest of the world says "yes."

God, make me this kind of man.

A few years ago Tom Block resigned as chief executive officer of H&R Block, the \$1.7 billion tax-preparation and financial-services firm, to become a teacher at St. Francis Xavier middle school in Kansas City, Mo. His annual salary suddenly dropped to less than \$15,000 a year, about three percent of his old salary. But Block knew his hectic schedule as CEO had been interfering with his top priority: his wife and their two sons. "The hardest part was telling my father (Henry Block). But I didn't want to look back on my life and say, 'Gee, you had an opportunity to play a bigger role in your children's lives and didn't take it.' " --People Weekly

When Billy Crystal's daughter turned 11, Billy was in New York filming a movie. He called her, apologized for his work schedule and said a package would be delivered soon. He then flew from NY to LA. Later that day when Lindsay opened the front door, a six foot high carton greeted her and she began ripping it open on the spot. Dad was inside the carton. Billy said, "She hugged me for five minutes. It was unbelievable." He went on to say, "I missed 25 birthdays with my dad. I'm not going to let that happen with my girls." Billy was 15 when his father died of a heart attack.