

# Man of God

1 Timothy 6:11-14

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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**Deuteronomy 33:1** This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death.

**2 Chronicles 8:14** ...for so David the man of God had commanded.

Σὺ δέ, ὦ ἄνθρωπε θεοῦ -- «but as for you, o man of God».

## I. The stance of the man of God

### A. The foundation of the man of God

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**εὐσέβεια**, generally, as a particular manner of life characterized by reverence toward God and respect for the beliefs and practices related to him *religion, piety*, as behavior directed dutifully toward God *piety, devotion, godliness*.

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### B. The goal of the man of God

**1 Timothy 6:5-8** and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. **6** But godliness with contentment is great gain, **7** for we brought nothing into the world, and [c] we cannot take anything out of the world. **8** But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

**1 Timothy 6:9-10** But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

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*Godliness is not about acquiring better and more material things; it is instead an active life of faith, a living out of covenant faithfulness in relation to God, that finds sufficiency and contentment in Christ alone whatever one's outward circumstances might be<sup>1</sup>*

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## II. The life of the man of God

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**Psalm 1:1-3** **Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;** **2** but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. **3** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**Matthew 16:24-25** Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

**Matthew 6:24** No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

**1 John 2:15-17** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. **17** And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

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<sup>1</sup> Towner, P. H. (2006). *The Letters to Timothy and Titus* (p. 399). Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

*The more empty I am, the more room is there for my Master. The more I lack, the more He will give me. —*  
C.H. Spurgeon

## **B. Men of God commit themselves to true life**

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- **Righteousness**
- **Godliness**
- **Faith**
- **Love**
- **Steadfastness**
- **Gentleness**
- **A life of faith**