

## ***The Kind of Men God Knows Women Need***

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### Women need men who model sexual purity

***This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew chapter 1 verse 18 (733)***

- This begins in dating & continues throughout marriage
- 1 Timothy 3, in speaking about pastors & elders, sets God's standard as "faithful to his wife," or literally, "a one-woman man"
- ***Teach me Your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to Your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor You. Psalm 86 verse 11 (453)***

### Women need men of character

***Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. Matthew chapter 1 verse 19 (733)***

- "good man" is being a man of character
- Character is who we really are, what we do when no one's looking, the stuff we'd do if we knew we'd never get caught
- ***Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character...***  
*Deuteronomy chapter 8 verse 2 (146)*
- ***May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation, the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ...*** *Philippians chapter 1 verse 11 (899)*

### Women need men who are the same page spiritually

***As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name Him Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." Matthew chapter 1 verses 20 & 21 (733)***

- Both people in the relationship need to be headed in the same spiritual direction
- If this isn't the case, it leads to confusion & frustration
- ***Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?***  
*Amos chapter 3 verse 3 (693)*
- See also 2 Corinthians 6:14

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Women need men who obey God

***When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. Matthew chapter 1 verse 24 (733)***

- Obeying God is not always easy or convenient or popular
- ...but it's proof that I love God
- ***Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commands."*** John chapter 14 verse 15 (823)
- Therefore, men (*and this is Rob's translation!*) if you love the women in your life, prove it by obeying God's commands concerning them!
  - ✓ Serve them - *Matthew 20:28*
  - ✓ Put their needs before your own - *Philippians 2*
  - ✓ Live in sexual purity - *1 Timothy 5:2*
  - ✓ Sacrificially love them like Jesus loves them - *Ephesians 5:25*

Women need men who are controlled by God

***But Joseph did not have sexual relations with Mary until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. Matthew chapter 1 verse 25 (733)***

- ***The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.***  
*Galatians chapter 5 verses 22 & 23 (893)*
- ***Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.*** Galatians chapter 5 verse 25 (893)