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One of the things He does expect if you become a father is that the father is to bring the child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And that word admonition of the Lord means instruction. You're to discipline them. You're to child train them. And that child training implies that there is some instruction there. So although you may not be a platform speaker, you're a man who knows truth.

#### **PART ONE**

You know it is not easy being man today. And my heart goes out to you guys. I mean, it really goes out to you guys because the pressures on you are absolutely horrendous. And because it's so hard to see a model of man, to look over and say, "Hey, there's a man I'd like to be like. There's a man I could follow." You know, we have our rock stars. We have our movie stars. We have our athletic stars and we look at them and we think, "Oh gosh,

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that's it." But you know what? We don't know what's going on inside. We don't know what's going on at home. We don't know how they really react with their children when they're alone. Where do we find a man that we can emulate? Where do we find, let's say, a manual for manhood? You find it in the Word of God. You find it from the Words of the One that made man, that made man in His image. And when He made man in His image, He meant for man to be the glory of God, to be the correct opinion, the correct estimate of God. He meant for man to be His representative here on earth. And so as you learn what God says about being a man, then you're going to find yourself more and more contented on the inside, more and more able to cope with issues of life, with the pressures of being a husband, of being a father, of being a lover, of being a provider and even in that role of being the head of your wife, you're going to find confidence. And you're going to find strength. And so that's what I want us to look at today. What I want to do is I want to take you to the book of Timothy. In the book of Timothy, what you find is you find a description of the elders, a description of the bishops or the overseers of the church. And when you look at those, then what you see is you see what God has to say about those kind of men, what they're like in character, what they're like in their behavior. So let's look at the Scriptures and see the Word of God and look at this manual for manhood. Now, what I want to do is I want to take you to 1 Timothy chapter 3, and we didn't get but just the first description of this model man. One of the definitions for a model is a small imitation of the real thing. And I want you to know that you can be an imitation of the real thing. And it's not a bad imitation. It's a good imitation. It's got the right label on it. You know, sometimes when I go to Korea, I go to It'aewon and I shop there and I bring home things that say maybe Chanel or say you know some name brand for my husband. But it's an imitation. It's a knock off. Okay. Now, you're not going to be a knock off, you're going to be a chip off, a chip off of God's block. And this is what he says as we look at 1 Timothy chapter 3, verse 1: "An overseer then must be above reproach." Now remember, last week, I told you, that above reproach means that there is nothing about that man that you can take a hold

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of and use it to stab him, stab him in the back or come along and say, “Hey, listen, I know what you’re really like. I saw you then. I watched you at that game. I saw what you did with your kids. I saw how you jerked them, or I saw what you did in church and how you just put that kid in wincing pain because the kid wouldn’t behave.” There is nothing that they can take a hold of. There is nothing that they can put against you and say, “Look, this is not the genuine thing.” I told you that pastor, my former pastor, Wayne Barber, believes that this sets the tone for everything else. In other words, you can take all the other characteristics that I’m about to show you and when those characteristics are fulfilled then what you have is you have a man that is above reproach. There’s no way that you can accuse that man. So the next thing he says and this is so important. He says, “He is to be the husband of one wife.” Now, it has far deeper ramifications than just being married to one woman. Because there are many men that are just married to one woman and yet they act like they’re not married to her. They’re married to her, but they’re constantly demeaning her and constantly putting her down, constantly making her the brunt of their jokes. And they do it in such a way as to maybe flatter another woman or to be flirtatious with another woman. So when the scholars dig in this, when the theologians at the seminaries dug into this, this is what they found. When it says, “The husband of one wife...,” it means this: hey, this is a one-woman man. In other words, he’s not out there flirting with others. He can be gracious. He can be kind. He can be a gentleman. He can open the doors, you know, as you go into a building. He can open the door as you get out of the car. He can assist you. But even when he takes your hand to help you out of the car, there’s not that caress there. It’s just helping you out of the car. And as a woman, you know it. As he’s kind to you, there’s nothing in his eyes that is a come on to you. As he talks about his wife, he upholds his wife. And so you know hey, there’s no unhappiness there so that I could move in and drive a wedge. This is a man that all the gals in the office know, “Hey, there’s no sense trying, because this man is a one woman man.” That’s what he’s talking about. And this is so absolutely crucial, if you’re going to be a chip off of God’s block. If

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you're going to be and give a proper estimate of God, because I want you to know that God is not a lecherous old man. God is not a dirty minded old man. Because he's a one woman man, he's not making sexual innuendos in his conversation with a woman. And let me just stop and say this, "Out of the abundance of a man's heart, he speaks." And when you find people that talk about things and give them a connotation of maybe you're being unfaithful, or they take the world's language and they joke about it. Ephesians says that we're not to do that. We're not to have any kind of a conversation that causes a person to go off in a sensual area or to focus on the sensual. This is not really pleasing to God. And if you want to be everything that God wants you to be, then you have to understand these things. Okay, now, this man is also to be temperate. In other words, this man, he has things under control. This man is a man that is not up and down and erratic and screaming and yelling and carrying on. This is not a man like this. This is a man that's of an even keel, an even keel. He's temperate. He's not given to excesses. Okay. This is so important. Why? Because there's a balance about God. And remember, we saw that 1 Corinthians, chapter 11:3 says, "That the man is in the image of God and the man is the glory of God." So the man is to give a correct opinion, a correct estimate of God. And you find a temperance with God. You don't find Him erratic. You don't find Him going off on tangents. It says also, "A man must be prudent." Now what do we mean when a man is prudent? I think it means this. That a man knows when, a man knows when. What do I mean by that? I mean this: that a man knows when to laugh. A man knows when not to laugh. A man knows when to joke. He knows when not to joke. He can sense the atmosphere. Because he's prudent, he has this, this wisdom and this knowledge and this grasp of the situation, he behaves with wisdom. He knows when. You know the book of Ecclesiastes says there's a time for everything. What is a prudent man? He knows when the time is and he does what is appropriate for that particular time. You say, "Man, these are tall orders." Yes they are. Yes, they are. What do you want to be? What do you want to be as man? And let me ask you a question. You're a woman. What do you want in a man? You

know, so many times we can get carried away as women, by the way that a man looks. We can get carried away by the way that the man is the life of the party. We look at a man and he's opposite of us and that opposite attracts us and so we just look at one area of his life. We only see him in one scene, in one scenario. And if you're going to be a woman that's going to be content and a woman that's not going to be thinking, "Oh, I wish he were like this or oh, I wish he were like that." You need to get to know that man. And I want to tell you something. You need to get to know him, listen honey, very carefully, and you listen too, sir. You get to know him apart from any sexual sensual activity. Stay away from the kissing. Stay away from the lingering embraces. And above all, and I hope you know it by now, you don't get in bed until you get married. That's it. That's what God says. And if you don't believe that, then God's going to have to deal with you. And He will because God does not like adultery or fornication. Now, you say, "You're sitting there, you straight-laced old thing." Listen, I want you to know that between my first marriage and my second marriage, when I didn't know Jesus Christ, I went from one man to another man, to another man. And I did things that I am so ashamed of. And I'm so sorry that I did them. And I did them. And one day one of my sons saw me do them. That shouldn't be. And I want you to know that when you and I do those things, because God is a holy God, God has to deal with us. And so you just need to know. You know, we need to get the whole picture.

## **PART TWO**

So if you're going to discover a man in his true character, you need to discover it apart from any physical contact so that you won't be led astray by this passion that is causing you to put all other reasoning aside when you see other characteristics or attributes in that man or other behavioral attitudes or ways that are not pleasing. And that you're going to have to live with if you get married. All right, so he says he's to be prudent. He's to be respectable. In other words, other people look at that man and they say, "Hey there's a

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man I can respect. There's a man I can honor. That's a man I could follow." Why? Because he's respectable, because he lives on a higher plane. If he's respectable, he's admirable. If he's respectable, he's above reproach. If he's respectable, he's trustworthy. So this is the kind of man that God says, "Look, if a man's going to run My church, if a man's going to oversee these people, that I caused My Son to die on Calvary for and I made My Son sin for, if he's going to be the ruler over these that are really My kids, they're My family, I've adopted them, through Jesus Christ, this is the kind of man I want." Well, this is the model man. Remember, it's small imitation of the real thing. And the real thing is Jesus Christ. And you can know this, that it's a progressive thing. It's something that we're working on. You know Paul said in Philippians, chapter 3, he says, "I have not attained..." In other words, I have not made my goal yet. He says, "...but this is what I do." And this is so important for you as a man. Because some of the things I'm saying, you may never have been. But you can change. That's what Jesus Christ is all about. That's what Christianity is all about. It's about redemption. It's about redeeming that lousy past. It's about changing that character. It's about becoming a new creature in Christ Jesus. It's about God moving inside of you, so that He then becomes the power plant, the engine under the hood of the car so to speak, that enables you to be what you ought to be. So Paul says, "I have not attained, but this one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind, I press forward toward the prize at the high calling in Christ Jesus." So know this, Christianity is always pressing on. Christianity is keeping your eyes on the goal. Christianity is: you may stumble, but you will not stumble so as to fall and not be able to get back up and you're not going to stumble big time or bad because God has you by the hand. And so when you start to fall, what God does is He reaches down and He jerks you up and He says, "Okay, my son, hang on tight. Hang on tight. I'm not going to let you go there." And that's what He does when He knows what your heart is. So let's go on and look at this woman. The man is to be hospitable. Now, hospitable literally, in the Greek means, "kind to strangers". In other words, this is a man that has a grace about him. This is a man, now remember, if

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he's the image and glory of God, one of the things that God is, is God is creator. God is the provider. And God is the lover. And so if He's the lover, then there's a love about a man. It's a pure love, but it's a love about a man that cares about other people. And even cares about strangers. What I would suggest is if you're looking for a man like this and you're a woman, go out with him. Watch him in public. Watch him at the restaurant. Watch what happens when the order's not right. Watch the way he talks to the waitress. Watch the way he talks to people. Get him among some kids and see how he behaves. See if he is a man that is hospitable. Because that's what you want. I mean that's something that just means so much to me in a man. And I see that in a lot of the men on Precept Ministries International staff. I see a real hospitality in their behavior as they meet people and greet people. All right, now what else are they to be? They are to be able to teach. Now, when I say this, remember, we're looking at the man that's going to run the church. And it's not the man. There's a plurality of elders, as you look at it in the Biblical pattern. But when we look at this, how does this relate to the man that you be as a husband, as a father? Well, you may not have the spiritual gift of teaching. In fact, you may find it very hard to even express yourself. And you may say, "Hey, there's no way I'm going to get up before a crowd and I'm going to speak or I'm going to lead that group." And that's all right. God does not expect that. But one of the things He does expect if you become a father is that the father is to bring the child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And that word admonition of the Lord means instruction. And you're to discipline them. You're to child train them. And that child training implies that there is some instruction there. So although you may not be a platform speaker, you're a man who knows truth. You're a man who gets into the Word of God. You're a man who makes this book your manual, not only for your manhood, but your manual for life. And making it your manual for life, then what do you do? Well then you learn these principles and these precepts and then you teach them to your children as they rise up, as they walk by the way. Deuteronomy 6 talks about this. And we'll go into great detail on that when we get into raising children. But I want you to see that

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this is the model man. In other words, there's something that's put inside of him. He's not just out to lunch. He knows what he knows about life. And he shares and he imparts those things. I remember the things that my daddy shared with me. It meant a lot to me. He taught me about men. He taught me how to treat men. He showed me, hey, you're on the wrong path if you want to impress a man because I was out to beat them. I mean if I could beat them at tennis or if I could beat them at any sport and he said, "Whoa, wait a minute. Come back here sweetheart. Men have egos." We're going to talk about that later. And I discovered that an ego is given to him from God because every man has an ego. Now, this man is not to be addicted to wine. Listen carefully, listen carefully. This word, addicted to wine, means that wine sits beside him. The wine sits beside him. He's not saying he can't have wine. We won't go into that right now, but he's not saying, he can't have wine. But what he's saying is he doesn't have to have wine. He's not enslaved to that. He's not saying, "I've got to have this to make me feel good. I've got to have this to make me a man. I've got to have this to satisfy me. I've got to have this to drown my sorrow." Uh unh, he can leave it or he can take it. Well, what does he go on to say? He says, "The man is not to be pugnacious. Now what does pugnacious mean? It means, "Put up your dukes. Let's fight. Let's settle this." He goes on to say, "He's not to be pugnacious, quick, quarrelsome and that. But he's to be gentle." There should be a gentleness about this man. "This man is un-contentious." In other words, he's not looking for a fight. He says, "He is also free from the love of money." Now listen, if men were free from the love of money or if they had wives that were free from the love of money, then you would have the man at home more. You would have the man more relaxed, the man more fulfilled. The desire to have more and more and more draws you away from your family, away from your responsibilities and also causes you to compromise. Well, what else does it say? "He must be one who manages his own household well." He's not to provoke his children to wrath. He's to make his wife feel so important, and so treasured. We're going to talk about that.