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TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Training Class 5:00 P.M.
 Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Character Sketch of a Godly Woman

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Who better to give us a picture of a godly woman's character than God himself? This is what she looks like, according to what He has revealed in His word.

She has a genuine faith in God, the kind seen in both Lois and Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5), the kind that holds up under trials and tribulations (1 Peter 1:6-9). Her faith is genuine and strong, because she has been “nourished in the words of faith” (1 Timothy 4:6).

She loves God above all (Matthew 10:37; 22:37), which means that she walks in His commandments (2 John 1:6), with an aim to be “faithful in all things” (1 Timothy 3:11). The love Christ has shown her (1 John 3:16-18)—that's the kind she shows her husband and children (Titus 2:4), her fellow saints (1 Timothy 5:10), and everyone else for whom

Christ died (Hebrews 2:9). It's not a "blind" love; it's a love that acts with "knowledge and all discernment" (Philippians 1:9). It's just not in her character to gossip or slander or falsely accuse someone (Titus 2:3; 1 Timothy 3:11; 5:13).

She is pure and chaste and holy (Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:2)—in her thoughts, her speech, her actions, and yes, even in the way she dresses (1 Timothy 2:9-10). She wouldn't dare use "enticing speech" (Proverbs 7:21), so why would she dress to entice? Her aim is to purify herself, "just as He is pure" (1 John 3:3).

She is not self-indulgent (Matthew 23:25), self-seeking (Romans 2:8), or self-willed (2 Peter 2:10); she is instead self-controlled and discreet (1 Timothy 3:11; Galatians 5:23; 2 Peter 1:5-6; Titus 2:5). Her aim is to "bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5), to be able to say with Paul, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me" (Galatians 2:20).

She possesses a meek and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:4), the opposite of loud and proud. It is not in her character to be boisterous, argumentative, or contentious (Proverbs 19:13; 21:9, 19; 25:24; 27:15-16).

She maintains a submissive, respectful, and obedient attitude toward her husband (1 Peter 3:5-6; Ephesians 5:22-24, 33; Titus 2:5).

She is reverent (1 Timothy 3:11)—toward God and His word, and toward her duties as a Christian. She knows that she cannot take lightly the things that pertain to God and to

eternity, and so she is willing to sometimes put aside less important duties to give heed to these things (Luke 10:38-42).

She has a heart for hospitality, a heart that wants to provide for preachers (Acts 16:14-15, 40), for the afflicted (1 Timothy 5:10), for really anyone who might be in need (Proverbs 31:20; Acts 9:36-39; Romans 16:2).

Can you think of other qualities? We would love to hear from you.

