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*A Woman of Essence Collection*

**The Blueprint**

*A Woman's Spiritual Checklist*

*For*

*Spotting the "Busters" & "Time Wasters" in Your  
Love Relationships*

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*A Woman of Essence: A Christian Guide to Godly Relationships  
for Women*

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## **Dedications**

I dedicate this book to my wonderful and profoundly wise husband, Eric John Williams. Eric you had found a woman who had endured untold disappointments, defeats and heartaches. It wasn't until God brought me to you that I now know what it is to be loved unconditionally, deeply and sincerely. God used you to show me that men in love can be godly and trustworthy...and for that I love You Lord!

I also dedicate this book to my dear sons Patrick Steven & Caleb Joseph who are Ephesians 5:25 husbands-in-the-making. You are my precious gifts and assignments – I love you Sweeties.

I dedicate this endeavor to my beautiful daughter, Olivia Felice; whom I want to inspire to be A Woman of Essence.

Thank you Heavenly Father for entrusting me to be a good steward over this precious assignment. I promise to be faithful and increase what You have given me. To increase Patrick & Caleb in love, wisdom, integrity, compassion and most importantly – increase them in the knowledge of Your dear Son,

My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to Him be all the Glory.

## ***“THE BUSTERS”***

*“Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways”*

*(Proverbs 2:12-15) NIV*



## ***“THE TIME-WASTERS”***

*“They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.”*

*(2 Timothy 3:6-7) NIV*

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Jesus...

The Lover of my Soul

*You are forever good to me*

*“He found him out in the wilderness,  
in an empty, windswept wasteland.  
He threw his arms around him, lavished attention on him,  
guarding him as the apple of his eye.  
He was like an eagle hovering over its nest,  
overshadowing its young,  
Then spreading its wings, lifting them into the air,  
teaching them to fly.  
God alone led him;  
there was not a foreign god in sight.  
God lifted him onto the hilltops,  
so he could feast on the crops in the fields.  
He fed him honey from the rock,  
oil from granite crags,  
Curds of cattle and the milk of sheep,  
the choice cuts of lambs and goats,  
Fine Bashan rams, high-quality wheat,  
and the blood of grapes: you drank good wine!*

*(Deuteronomy 32:10-14) The Message Bible*

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## Introduction

*“From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”  
(Matthew 11:12) NIV*



**A**ll gloves are off – it’s time to come out swinging and get into the fight!

There comes a radical point in your life when what you’ve been doing and known to do, just isn’t working. No matter how hard you try, no matter how many fits you throw and no matter how much hair you pull out, you ARE bound, somewhere along the way, to make the wrong choice in a man. You can dramatically cut down the number of those wrong choices – if only you had a plan, a process, something to keep before the whites of your eyes. What if you’ve been told *only* after yet another heart-wrenching, soul debilitating experience, that all the while, there was a strategic method on how to successfully navigate through the relational maze of romanticisms and stardust complexities with less of a chance of coming out smelling like smoke?

What if you could peer from behind the scenes and know exactly what you’re getting into before the fur hits the fan? What if you could stop that “Buster” cold in his tracks before he had a chance to send you to Looneyville?

Like many of you, I too was thrown in a state of flux when time upon time; I would choose someone that was obviously not in God’s plan for my life. Not that I was some idiot making foolish decisions; it was just that I was a woman in love who wanted to be

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loved. Is that so bad? Unfortunately, in my haste to find my godly mate (oh boy, I really hate to admit this), I'd embarked on many a journey that turned out to be road trips to disaster. I was simply on the wrong road, going the wrong way and crashed into the wrong guy so often that I felt I was wearing a billboard that screamed, "Road to crazy starts here - taking all applicants!"

Sadly, there are ungodly men out there whose sole mission is to deplete and rob you of your most valuable resource: ***your time***. I call them "***Busters***." They come in and bust up your life without any regard to your health, safety and security. Unfortunately there are also "***Time Wasters***," out there who do nothing more than wastes other people's time with their foolishness, deception, and calculating maneuvers. Time is precious and we could never get back those minutes. That is why you must evaluate how you spend your time and whom with.

Through my personal experience with the "Busters" and "Time Wasters," that filtered through my world, it has left me, with yet again, a wealth of disturbing "identifiers" to pen and share with you on what to look ***out*** for and what to look for ***in*** a mate. For the love of God, I'm going to get this right and so are you – even if I have to write a thousand books on this subject – WE ARE GOING TO GET IT RIGHT!

We have an enemy in Satan who will send his top soldiers to try and take us down and bury our hearts – if we let him. I'm here to expose that plot and pull women out, "*Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked*" (Psalm 82:3-4) NIV.

That is why God put it in my heart to speak to the women in the Body of Christ so that as a member of His Body, I can share what

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I've learned and where I went wrong in choosing men who were absolutely and positively the total opposite of who God destined me to be with. Just when I thought I knew all there was to know, I too, have come to the realization that I have this innate ability to foul things up if I was the sole executor in the plan for my life. Just like the prodigal son in Luke 15:17, "*I came to myself...*" (I came to my senses) and got focused on the call on my life.

As President and Founder of a budding enterprise, *A Woman of Essence Company*, which will be a multifaceted Christian-based company and woman's ministry; my goal will be to encourage, motivate and stimulate women in the Body of Christ in the area of relationships through insightful counsel, books and seminars. I plan to show them how to free themselves from poor self-esteem, negative thinking, bitterness and counter-productive behaviors so that honorable men will be drawn to their confidence.

You see, I'd figured, I couldn't be the only Sister in the Body of Christ making misguided choices. In order to remove the strife and stress out of my relationships, an "Aha" moment grabbed hold of my spirit when *Lady Wisdom of Proverbs 1:20* showed me this Scripture it just set it off for me - I must, "*Drive out the mocker, and out goes strife; quarrels and insults are ended*" (*Proverbs 22:10*)NIV.

You see a mocker is someone who mocks at sin; who jests at religion, scoffs at all good men and anything serious and spiritual. We are to cast such an individual out of our company and conversation. We cannot associate with him or allow him to be of any force in our lives. This choice in a man will disturb your peace. For when he is cast out, peace and love takes place - so now we can move forward.

Therefore, we shouldn't feel compelled to hitch our star to their broken wagon and in the process lose our focus on what matters most – our intimate relationship with God. It is that relationship that

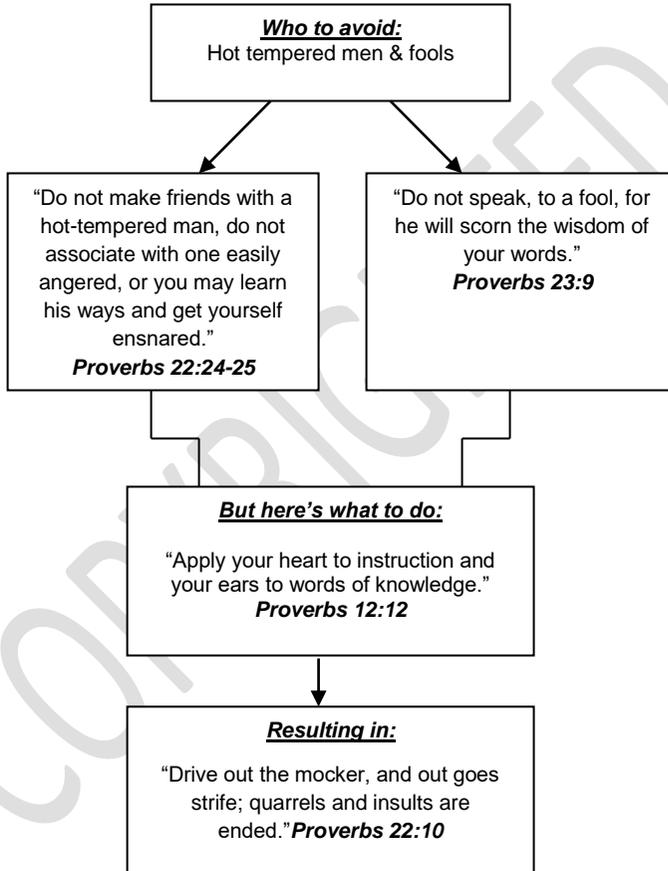
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will be the foundation for all future relationships. Your relationship with God has to be cemented and rooted in order for you to fully appreciate and develop in any love relationship.

I've learned that no matter how hard I tried to make my love relationships work, if my relationship with God wasn't where it needed to be, it was pointless to make anything else work. My frustration level ceased when this revelation was dropped in my spirit – first establish your heart with God's heart and your "lover's heart" will flourish.

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As I was studying out Proverbs 22:10, I saw this analogy between the below Scriptures that really opened my eyes in terms of what I needed to bypass, but more importantly, who I was not to be enmeshed with:



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Granted we know what to do spiritually but for some reason we seem to get a bit confused when it comes to matters of the heart. So I'm writing this book to say to you, as I had to say to myself, "slow down" and look at why things aren't working.

In order to separate the sludge from our spring water and become effective "screeners" in our love lives, we need to have a workable plan - a structure in place that lays down the format for **"The Blueprint."** This strategic screening tool will function as a spiritual checklist by following twelve easy-to-use checkpoints that I discuss individually throughout the book. As you follow these checkpoints, it'll help you to focus on what's important at hand: *positioning yourself to be led by God in finding true love and the godly man of your dreams.*

<b>THE BLUEPRINT</b>		
<b>Laying Down the Foundation</b>		
✓	Checkpoint #1	The Selection Process
<b>Spotting "The Buster"</b>		
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		You Leap!
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✓	Checkpoint #10	Going My Way?
✓	Checkpoint #11	Is It About Sex or Love??
✓	Checkpoint #12	Profile of a Godly Man ~ Going All Out in His Love

In addition, at the end of each chapter will be a **Checklist Summary** that serves as a viable gauge to where you stand in your selection process that may show some crucial changes needs to be made as you vet out a potential mate; or it may show that perhaps this may not be the right relationship for you after all.

Not only that, but it will set the bar for the type of mate that'll be right for you as you formulate a plan of action to whittling down the nonsense that comes with ungodly relationships. Just think about it, he's out there waiting for you; probably tied down in a relationship that's all wrong for him, but waiting for you to get in on God's plan as his radar beckons you to his heart.

So then, let's delve into allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern exactly what "*The One*" should look like. Let us go through the selection process of choosing a mate that will be a blessing instead of a curse in our lives.

...Are you ready? Here we go.

## Laying Down the Foundation



Not every man has to be chosen. Not every man has to be a test run.

Not every man should have the opportunity to have all of you on every occasion. I like the way The Message Bible puts it, “*So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well [meaning without all the drama\*]. Learn to love appropriately, you need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush*”  
(Philippians 1:9-10) *The Message Bible.*

\* *My emphasis*



**Checkpoint #1**  
**The Selection Process**

*“I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”*  
*(Isaiah 48:17-18) NIV*



**L**ike most of you, unfortunately, I had to learn the hard painful way that had I've gone to God with my relationship decisions beforehand, I could have saved myself a lot time, energy and stress. The boulder that fell on my head revealed to me, why not go to The Source who knows the end from the beginning to get insight on the choices that will ultimately affect my life – and protect my heart?

So first things first - stop giving away all your love to those who have no use for it! They can't (and won't) appreciate the value of it. We must learn to be selective. The selection process shouldn't be conducted behind closed doors, in the dark under a bed of hot sheets. This process should take more time, preferably in direct sunlight, as you weed out potential danger.

The choices we make when it comes to matters of the heart can be impulsive at times, especially in a season of desperation, drought, and dreariness. Equally detrimental is when we don't have enough information to make an educated, nor spiritually, decision when we don't seek the wisdom of God for what's best for us. For the most part, in some cases, we don't know what a godly relationship looks like and thus have no gauge in which to measure what's functional and what's dysfunctional. When we look at crumpled

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relationships around us, we see the consequences of poor choices: infidelity, disrespect, insensitivity, instability, confusion, etc. To avoid going down this path of heartache, the Bible says, *“And if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding...the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding...For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul” (Proverbs 2:3-10) NIV.*

Here’s a quick little Blueprint of “red flags” that you can ask a potential suitor. There is absolutely NOTHING wrong in wanting to know some basic background information before you wage a love relationship with, for all intents and purposes, relatively a stranger:

### The Blueprint – Red Flag Checklist

1.	What is your full name?
2.	Where do you live? In this town?
3.	Are you married/involved in a committed relationship?
4.	Are you just looking to date or are you looking for a mate?
5.	Do you have a criminal background?
6.	Do you work?
7.	Do you have any addictions (i.e., alcohol, cigarettes, narcotics - street or prescription?)

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8.	Why did your last relationship break up?
9.	Do you fault her for the break-up? Do you want her back? No, why? Yes, why?
10.	Do you have a hot temper?
11.	Have you had any domestic violence incidents? Have you had a restraining order taken out on you?
12.	Any children? Any “baby mama drama”?
13.	What’s your opinion about law enforcement? Do you have an “issue” with the police?

I’ve noticed that the men we choose are a direct reflection of how we see ourselves at that time. I know you may say, “Wait a minute, you mean to tell me I picked a loser because I’m a loser?” Hold on, I’m not saying all that. I’m simply saying if you find yourself with someone that you know is not healthy for you, you have to be honest with yourself and ask, “How do I see myself?” “Am I’m not worthy enough or deserving enough to have anything better?”

Honestly speaking, if you keep picking spiritual vampires, men who bring no spiritual value, or at the very least, stability to your life, then you would have to look deep within your spirit to find what’s missing. Something is definitely missing when you know that what you want is a man who is confident, honest, trustworthy, and respectful. Then the question becomes, “If what I want is a man who

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possess these qualities, then why I keep ending up with men who are angry, abusive, unfaithful, confused, controlling and disrespectful?”

Here it is right here: *“The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it” (Proverbs 27:12) NIV.*

Is it because no one has ever shown you how to be selective by taking the time and patience and strength to say, “No, let me see what else is out there?” “Let me not jump at the first fish out the water.” The problem comes into play when we don’t take the time to get to know a person well enough before we make certain commitments to him. It seems elementary, right? Then how do you explain that a woman could meet a man, date him for a couple of weeks and then have him move in with her and her three kids? Or having just met someone and give him full disclosure and access to their financial information? Or better yet, allow this man to be privy to highly sensitive and confidential information without having demonstrated one ounce of loyalty or trustworthiness?

What is this desperate search to find some man, any man, to wrap our lives around? The quest should be of quality and not quantity. Quality should be what we’re seeking and not how many frogs we can kiss in order to find what we’re looking for. Wouldn’t you want to kiss one qualified frog than 100 unqualified ones? Take for instance when you’re shopping for meat at the grocer, do you not hover over the case looking and turning over several chickens? Looking for one that’s plump, having good color and smells fresh. You’ll even examine the expiration date and compare prices all the while rejecting several ones before committing to a final selection.

Has it come down to we’ll spend more time picking out poultry than we do men? Something must be wrong here! You must look at the selection process as a vital necessary tool in the quest of knowing if this person is right for you. When you apply God’s

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wisdom especially from the book of Proverbs to this process, you will gain understanding and insight into dividing the diligent from the lazy.

The Book of Proverbs makes it clear that diligence – being willing to work hard and do one’s best at any job given to him or her – is a vital part of wise living.

Before we go on, let’s just take a quick look at the disparity between the two.

<i><b>The Diligent</b></i>		<i><b>The Lazy</b></i>	<i><b>Proverbs References</b></i>
Becomes rich		<i>Are soon poor</i>	<b>10:4</b>
Gathers crops early		<i>Sleep during harvest</i>	<b>10:5</b>
Have abundant food		<i>Chase fantasies</i>	<b>12:11</b>
Will rule		<i>Will become slaves</i>	<b>12:24</b>
Prize their possessions		<i>Waste good resources</i>	<b>12:27</b>
Are fully satisfied		<i>Want much but get little</i>	<b>13:4</b>
Bring profit		<i>Experience poverty</i>	<b>14:23</b>
Have an easy path		<i>Have trouble all through life</i>	<b>15:19</b>
		<i>Are like those who destroy</i>	<b>18:9</b>
		<i>Go hungry</i>	<b>19:15</b>
		<i>Won't feed themselves</i>	<b>19:24</b>
		<i>Won't plow in season</i>	<b>20:4</b>
Stay awake and have food to spare		<i>Love sleep and grow poor</i>	<b>20:13</b>
Make careful plans		<i>Make hasty speculations</i>	<b>21:5</b>
Give without sparing		<i>Desire things but refuse to work for them</i>	<b>21:25, 26</b>
		<i>Are full of excuses for not working</i>	<b>22:13</b>
		<i>Sleep too much, which leads to poverty</i>	<b>24:30-34</b>
Reap abundance through hard work		<i>Experience poverty because of laziness</i>	<b>28:19</b>

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The first step in the selection process **is knowing what it is you want**. This is not the time to haphazardly pick someone out of convenience's sake. No. Make a list of the qualities that you desire and what you absolutely do not want in a mate. Be clear about what makes him qualified to have you. For instance, if what you're searching for is a mate who is hardworking, diligent and a go-getter then you need to avoid someone with a lazy poverty mentality who wants to sit by and fantasize about wealth. This godly process will help you if you're not in the business of getting your heart broken needlessly.

You know what Ephesians 5:25 means to me? It means that a husband ought to love his wife like Christ loves His own body – His Church, where He cares enough for the Church to go all out in His love for her; to cherish her, even to the point where He gave up everything He had in order to make her whole. You see, Jesus wasn't looking at His giving from a vantage point of loss. No! He saw it as a plus – a gain. Let me paint a picture of the word cherish so that the significance of this action word isn't glossed over.

Cherish means: *to treasure; to value; to prize; to appreciate; to relish; to take pleasure in; to esteem (hold in high regard); to attach importance to; to revere.*

Image the harvest that a husband would reap if he willingly, without feeling as if he's losing something in the deal, gave up **EVERYTHING** he had for the betterment of his mate? Or if everything he does and says were designed to bring out the best in her rather than tear her down with negative behavior, untrustworthiness, evil speech, and all-around neglect? That husband would reap a wife that's patient, respectful and willing to submit to him by getting up under his mission for the leadership of the house.

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Yes, my sisters this is possible – your mate can love you like this. Remember, Jesus said husbands are to love their wives in this way (Ephesians 5:25). So if He said it, it's doable! Jesus would never tell us to do something without equipping up with the means and ability in which to carry it out, *“Bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father” (Colossians 1:10-12) NIV.*

Ladies, apart from the Bible, listen carefully now, apart from the Word of God, you will have no earthly idea about the characteristics *“The One”* should possess. Now I know you're thinking, “Must I read the Bible to know what he looks like?” YES! QUADRUPLE YES!! Because if you don't, be prepared to come across a cast of characters that will turn your life upside down.

Your Checklist Summary:

<b>The Selection Process:</b> What's the basis of your search?		
Yes	No	
		Have you consulted God in prayer on the type of man you desire?
		Have you selected Scripture(s) to stand on while you wait for the manifestation of God's promise for a godly mate? If so, write them out to keep before you.
		Have you made your list of the qualities that you desire and what you absolutely will not have in a mate?
		Have you scored enough information to make an educated decision on this potential mate?

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		Do you have a healthy and positive viewpoint of yourself strong enough to make a qualitative decision in your choice for a mate?
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**Checkpoint #12**

**Profile of a Godly Man ~  
Going All Out in His Love**

*“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God...Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long... Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? I have trusted in the Lord without wavering...examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth.” (Psalm 25:1-12; 26:1-3) NIV*



**T**he final checkpoint in the Blueprint presents the profile of a godly man. This is where you will see what he looks like and the nature of his heart. This rare individual is indeed rare. He doesn't just appear out of the sky. He is prayed for. He guards his life by meditating in the above Scripture and lives his life by putting his trust in God by walking continually in His truth.

By maintaining your focus on Jesus and keeping busy with what God called you to do, that's how he'll show up. God will orchestra your life in such a way that it may appear that this godly man sprung up out of nowhere, like my precious husband Eric. But you see, God was preparing the way in getting you to him. God is not going to send an emotional, imbalanced, negative, neurotic, selfish, and lustful woman to one of His sons. It's just not going to happen. *“I will protect them from those who malign them... O Lord, you will keep us safe and protect us from such people forever” (Psalm 12:5-7) NIV.*

I know that may be a little hard to digest, but think about it. If you had a son, would you introduce him to some girl who doesn't

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have her head on straight or whose sole motive is to rob your son of his emotional value by taking advantage and ruining his life? I know I wouldn't! And I don't care how pretty she is. And so with that train of thought in mind, God will not allow one of His sons to be yoked up with someone who wouldn't have his best interest at heart. That is why we must watch the negative things we say about men in general. *"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit"* (Proverbs 18:21) NIV.

Controlling that tongue may be easier said than done. But if not controlled, if you're constantly saying all men are dogs and useless, then don't be surprised when Mr. King Canine comes knocking at your door looking to get in. Watch that mouth; it can either bring you to a man who will drag you down or to a godly man who will lift you up to heights you've never known before.

Only a godly man with a heart after God can you love with the faithfulness that comes from the heart of God's Word. I love the way the Apostle Paul defines a man in 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, and verse 11. He says, *"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me."* When you're acting like a child, you're not hearing God's Word much less obeying it. A man becomes a man when he obeys God's Word. This verse follows verses 4-8 where God outlines what love really looks like. Not that selfish, what-can-you-do-for-me way of loving that the "world" produces. God says in the Amplified Bible that:

*<sup>4</sup>Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.*

*<sup>5</sup>It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-*

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*seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].*

*<sup>6</sup>It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.*

*<sup>7</sup>Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].*

*<sup>8</sup>Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].*

In this same exact way, we are to love others sacrificially which is called Agape love. Agape (pronounced *Ah-gop-pay*) love is spiritual and not sensual. It's a love which is of and from God, Whose very nature is love itself. The Apostle John affirms this in 1 John 4:8: *"God is love."* God doesn't just merely love; He is love itself. Everything God does flows from His love. But it is important to remember that God's love is not a sappy, sentimental love such as we often hear portrayed. God loves because that is His nature and the expression of His being. He loves the unlovable and the unlovely (us!), not because we deserve to be loved, but because it is His nature to do so, and He must be true to His nature and character. God's love is displayed most clearly at the Cross, where Christ died for the unworthy creatures who were *"dead in trespasses and sins"* (*Ephesians 2:1*), not because we did anything to deserve that love, *"but God commends His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us"* (*Romans 5:8*). *"We love because he first loved us"* (*1 John 4:19*) NIV.

The object (us!) of agape love never does anything to merit His love. We are the undeserving recipients upon whom He lavishes that love. His love was demonstrated when He sent His Son into the world to *"seek and save that which was lost"* (*Luke 19:10*) NIV, and to provide eternal life to those He sought and saved. He paid the ultimate sacrifice for those He loves.

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So likewise, when you have a man loving you in this sacrificial way, trust and know that he is established and rooted in God's Word. His heart is after God's, seeking out His truth. That's what the Bible calls a man (and not a male – there's a difference). A male looks to satisfy his animalistic cravings and thinks nothing of you spiritually. He will con you into believing that he does, but don't you believe him. For, *"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned"* (1 Corinthians 2:14).

When you have a man who is able to walk in the Agape love of God, he knows that, *"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing* (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) NIV.

This Scripture right here is what's going to separate the men from the males. As I'd mentioned previously, a godly man knows that by not walking in the love of God, he has nothing. His manhood is not determined by how many women he has. Not by how many cars he drives. Not by the status of his profession. Not by how many good works he's done; and certainly not by how many kisses he gives his mother. A man becomes a man by hearing God's Word and then obeying it. His heart is after God's and he takes delight in what God has to say. He's a willing student and lives to walk by the truth.

**Profile of a Godly Man**

Through His wisdom, God will show this man how to love you. The nature of the relationship should flow from *The Blessing* (the anointed force that God released in the Garden of Eden, providing Adam and Eve with everything they would ever need) and not that from the Curse. He'll not only tell you that he loves you, but you'll know it from his actions: his displays of dedication, loyalty, faithfulness and resilience. He doesn't give up on you or become annoyed with the frustrations of life. He welcomes your presence, because that's another moment for him to appreciate the woman who stands before him.

Let him love you; let him into your heart. He knows how to love you in a godly way. He will never intentionally hurt you – he doesn't want to reap that kind of harvest. He'll never abandon you. He reassures his love for you by ripping in half that dark forbidding veil that shrouded your heart for so long, exposing your vulnerability. His love will release you from isolation of the heart. His demonstrated love will restore your trust. Slowly, bit by bit, you will relax your stiff and tired shoulders.

He wants to know how you feel – let your heart speak for you. He'll want you to close your mind for just a second and let your heart speak. That's the frequency he's operating on right now. He'll take you in his arms and let the beat of his heart comfort you. That's a wonderful place to be, right there where his mouth is speaking through his soul.

He's not ashamed to profess his love for you in front of others, almost to the point of making a fool of himself; he's willing to put it all on the line for you. He's willing to do that in order to capture your heart.

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Look to 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, right in there you can find your godly man; he's not hiding, he's waiting to be found.

### *Your Checklist Summary:*

<b>Profile of a Godly Man ~ Going All Out in His Love</b>		
Yes	No	
		Have you prayed for the mate of your dreams?
		Are you emotionally stable enough to handle the intense commitment of a healthy functional relationship?
		Do you tend to berate men in general because of one (or a few) bad apple(s)?
		Is your mate's heart after God (i.e., is he loving you with the faithfulness that's comes from the heart of God's Word)? Is his love a reflection of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13 (the Love chapter)?
		Do you have a man or male on your hands?

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