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## INTRODUCTION

The Bible places great emphasis upon Biblical manhood. God wants His sons to be MEN OF GOD! God does not want His sons to be chest pounding gorillas, nor effeminate sissies. He wants His sons to be men, men of character, gentlemen.

Naturally, in every little boy's heart, you will find the desire to be "a man". Not only is it in every boy's heart to be a man, but it is in every father's heart for his son to be a man. Just listen to one of the last commandments that David gives to his son in **1 Kings 2:1-2** "...be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;". The desire to be a man or to raise a man is naturally in every red blooded male. The problem, with our society is that we have lost sight of a real man. Thus, we have put this book together with different sayings from different men for the purpose of giving every man some manly rules to live by that will help each of us be the men God wants us to be. However, before we get into the book, let us give you a definition of manhood and then let us give you the job description of every man.

### I. The Definition of Manhood

A man leads courageously, accepts responsibility, rejects passivity, labours faithfully, and looks upward to God for his role, rules, and rewards.

### II. The Job of a Man

As a man we have a:

- Word to obey – God’s word.
- Work to do – God’s work.
- Worthy Sovereign to devote our lives to – God’s worthy Son.
- Woman to love – God’s woman. When we say God’s woman, we mean in particular the church (God’s bride), your mother, sisters, and spouse. A Christian gentleman will always love, respect, honour, and defend God’s woman.

Now with those things said, we are ready to give the Christian gentleman some manly rules to live by.

May God help each of us to be a true and godly gentleman!

## FRIENDSHIPS

A man is known by the company which he keeps. – *Unknown*

Young people have commonly an unguarded openness and frankness....they contract friendships easily. However, if you would have your secret kept, keep it yourself, and, as it is very possible that your friend may one day or other become your enemy, take care not to put yourself in his power, while he is your friend. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Be courteous with all, but intimate with a few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. – *Unknown*

Remember to make a great difference between companions and friends; for a very complaisant and agreeable companion may, and often does, prove a very improper and very dangerous friend. – *Lord Chesterfield*

It is better to have one friend of great value than many friends who are good for nothing. – *Anacharsis*

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company. – *George Washington*

Distrust all those who love you extremely upon a very slight acquaintance, and without any visible reason. Be on your guard too against those who confess their wickedness, or all their cardinal virtues. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Be faithful to your friends. – *Unknown*

Do not be rash to make friends, and when once they are made do not drop them. – *Solon*

If you want to be missed by your friends, be useful. – *Robert E. Lee*

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing. – *Benjamin Franklin*

📖 **Proverbs 27:10** Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: *for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.*

📖 **Proverbs 18:24** A man *that hath* friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend *that* sticketh closer than a brother.

Thou canst not joke an enemy into a friend, but thou mayest a friend into an enemy. – *Unknown*

📖 **Ephesians 5:3-4** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

📖 **Proverbs 25:17** Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and *so* hate thee.

Don't wear out your welcome. – *Unknown*



## CONVERSATION

He that converses not, knows nothing. – *Thomas Fuller*

Every man, who can speak at all, can speak elegantly and correctly if he pleases, by attending to the best authors and orators; and, indeed, I would advise those who do not speak elegantly, not to speak at all; for I am sure they will get more by their silence than by their speech. – *Lord Chesterfield*.

In a discreet man's mouth, a public thing is private. – *Benjamin Franklin*

In the presence of others sing not to yourself with a humming noise, nor drum with your fingers or feet. – *Unknown*

If you cough, sneeze, sigh, or yawn, do it not loud but privately; and speak not in your yawning, but put your handkerchief or hand before your face and turn aside. – *George Washington*

Sleep not when others speak, sit not when others stand, speak not when you should hold your peace, and walk not on when others stop. – *George Washington*

Shake not the head, feet, or legs; roll not the eyes; lift not one eyebrow higher than the other; wry not the mouth; bedew no man's face with your spittle by approaching too near him when you speak. – *George Washington*

Turn not your back to others especially in speaking. – *George Washington*

Read no letters, books, or papers in company but when there is a necessity for the doing of it you must ask leave. – *George Washington*

Let your countenance be pleasant, but in serious matters somewhat grave. – *George Washington*

The gestures of the body must be suited to the discourse you are upon. – *George Washington*

Reproach none for the infirmities of nature, nor delight to put them that have in mind thereof. – *George Washington*

Superfluous complements and all affectation of ceremony are to be avoided, yet where due, they are not to be neglected. – *George Washington*

Don't draw attention to yourself. – *Unknown*

Do not laugh too loud or too much at any public event. – *Unknown*

If anyone come to speak to you while you are sitting, stand up though he be your inferior. – *George Washington*

When you speak, be concise. – *Unknown*

Let your discourse with men of business be short and comprehensive. – *George Washington*

In visiting the sick, do not presently play the physician if you be not knowing therein. – *George Washington*

In writing or speaking, give to every person his due title according to his degree and the custom of the place. – *George Washington*

Do not argue with your superior. Submit your ideas with humility. – *Unknown*

Strive not with your superiors in argument, but always submit your judgment to others with modesty. – *George Washington*

Undertake not to teach your equal in the art himself professes; it savors of arrogance. – *George Washington*

Let thy ceremonies in courtesy be proper to the dignity of his place with whom thou converses for it is absurd to act the same with a clown and a prince. – *George Washington*

When a person does their best and fails, do not criticize him. – *Unknown*

When a man does all he can though it succeeds not well, blame not him that did it. – *George Washington*

When you must give advice or criticism, consider the timing, whether it should be given in public or private, and above all give the advice or criticism gently. – *Unknown*

Being to advise or reprehend any one, consider whether it ought to be in public or in private; ...and in reproving, show no sign of choler, but do it with all sweetness and mildness. – *George Washington*

**📖 2 Samuel 22:36** Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great.

If you are corrected, take it without argument. If you were wrongly judged, correct it later. – *Unknown*

Take all admonitions thankfully in what time or place so ever given, but afterwards not being culpable, take a time and place convenient to let him know it that gave them. – *George Washington*

Do not make fun of anything important to others. – *Unknown*

If you criticize someone else of something, make sure you are not guilty of it yourself. Actions speak louder than words. – *Unknown*

Wherein you reprove another, be un-blamable yourself, for example is more prevalent than precepts. – *George Washington*

Use no reproachful language against any one; neither curse nor revile. – *George Washington*

Do not be quick to believe bad reports about others. – *Unknown*

Some things are better kept secret. – *Unknown*

Be not immodest in urging your friends to tell you a secret. – *George Washington*

Utter not base and frivolous things amongst grave and learned men, nor very difficult questions or subjects amongst the ignorant... – *George Washington*

Speak not injurious words, neither in jest nor scoff at none, although they give occasion. – *George Washington*

Be not froward but friendly and courteous. – *George Washington*

Detract not from others, neither be excessive in commanding. – *George Washington*

Give not advice without being asked, and when desired, do it briefly. – *George Washington*

Do not correct others when it is not your place to do so. – *George Washington*

Speak not in an unknown tongue in company. – *George Washington*

Think before you speak. – *Unknown*

Pronounce not imperfectly nor bring out your words too hastily but orderly and distinctly. – *George Washington*

When another speaks be attentive. – *Unknown*

When another speaks and hesitates in his words, help him not nor prompt him without being desired. – *George Washington*

While you are talking, point not with your finger at him of whom you discourse nor approach too near him to whom you talk, especially to his face. – *George Washington*

Whisper not in the company of others. – *George Washington*

Don't compare yourselves amongst yourselves. – *George Washington*

**📖 2 Corinthians 10:12** For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

Do not be quick to talk about something when you don't have all the facts. – *George Washington*

Be not apt to relate news if you know not the truth thereof. – *George Washington*

In discoursing of things you have heard, name not your author. – *George Washington*

Be not curious to know the affairs of others, neither approach those that speak in private. – *George Washington*

When you deliver a matter do it without passion and with discretion. – *George Washington*

In company of those of higher quality than yourself, speak not till you are asked a question and answer in few words. – *George Washington*

Contradict not at every turn what others say. – *George Washington*

Speak not evil of the absent for it is unjust. – *George Washington*

He that would live in peace & at ease, Must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees. – *Benjamin Franklin*

To whom thy secret thou dost tell, to him thy freedom thou dost sell. – *Benjamin Franklin*

There is hardly...any company, where you may not gain knowledge, if you please; almost everybody knows one thing, and is glad to talk about that one thing. Seek and you will find. – *Lord Chesterfield*

**✚ 1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Silence and modesty are very valuable qualities in the art of conversation. – *Michel Montaigne*

If you speak in company speak late. – *Unknown*

Never weary your company by talking too long or too frequently. – *Unknown*

Always look people in the face when addressing them and generally when they address you. – *Unknown*

Never hold anybody by the button, or the hand, in order to be heard out; for if people are not willing to hear you, you had much better hold your tongue than them. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Although you may like to express just what you feel, it would be better to not... – *Unknown*

The written word, unpublished, can be destroyed, but the spoken word can never be recalled. – *Horace*

Let your words be as few as will express the sense you wish to convey, and above all let what you say be true. – *Unknown*

**📖 Proverbs 15:2** The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

**📖 Ecclesiastes 5:1-3** Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God *is* in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words.

Talking is like playing the harp; there is as much laying the hands on the strings to stop their vibration as in twanging them to bring out their music. – *Emerson*

It is a great advantage for any man, to be able to talk or to hear, neither ignorantly nor absurdly, upon any subject; for I have known people, who have not said one word, hear ignorantly and absurdly; it has appeared in their inattentive and unmeaning faces. – *Lord Chesterfield*

There is nothing so brutally shocking, nor so little forgiven, as a seeming inattention to the person who is speaking to you.... Nothing discovers a little, futile, frivolous mind more than this, and nothing is so offensively ill-bred. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Remember to have that constant attention about you, which flatters every man's little vanity; and the want of which, by mortifying his pride, never fails to excite his resentment or at least his ill will. – *Lord Chesterfield*.

Sit or stand still whilst another is speaking to you. – *Unknown*

**James 1:19** Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Talk often, but never long; in that case, if you do not please, at least you are sure not to tire your hearers. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact. – *George Eliot*

It is extremely rude not to give the proper attention, and a civil answer, when people speak to you; or to go away, or be doing something else, while they are speaking to you; for that convinces them that you despise them, and do not think it worth your while to hear or answer what they say. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Do not tell stories in company; there is nothing more tedious or disagreeable...of all things, banish the egotism out of your conversation, and never think of entertaining people with your own personal concerns, or private affairs; though they are interesting to you, they are tedious and impertinent to everybody else. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Tell stories very seldom, and absolutely never but where they are very apt and very short. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself; avoid trifling conversation. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Time is one's best friend, teaching best of all the wisdom of silence. – *Amos Alcott*

**Proverbs 10:19** In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips *is* wise.

**Proverbs 17:27-28** He that hath knowledge spareth his words: *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: *and* he that shutteth his lips *is esteemed* a man of understanding.



Never maintain an argument with heat and clamour, though you think or know yourself to be in the right; but give your opinion modestly and coolly, which is the only way to convince. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Whatever is begun in anger ends in shame. – *Benjamin Franklin*

There is nothing that people bear most impatiently, or forgive less, than contempt; and an injury is much sooner forgiven than an insult. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Use no hurtful deceit: think innocently and justly, and if you speak, speak accordingly. – *Benjamin Franklin*

**▣ Proverbs 16:21** The wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

**▣ Proverbs 23:9** Speak not in the ears of a fool: for he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

Do not finish someone's sentence for them. – *Unknown*

Never anticipate for another to help him out. It is time enough for you to make corrections after he has concluded, if any are necessary. It is impolite to interrupt another in his remarks. – *Unknown*

People who know little are usually great talkers, while men who know much say little. – *Rousseau*

Above all things, and upon all occasions, avoid speaking of yourself, if it be possible. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Cautiously avoid talking of either your own or other people's domestic affairs. Yours are nothing to them but tedious...The subject is a tender one: and it is odds but that you touch somebody or other's sore place. – *Lord Chesterfield*

**📖 Proverbs 17:9** He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

When someone says they can do something, do not say you can do more. Be modest. – *Unknown*

We cannot like a man who is always commending and speaking well of himself, and who is the hero of his own story; on the contrary, a man who endeavours to conceal his own merit, who sets that of other people in its true light, who speaks but little of himself, and with modesty: such a man makes a favourable impression upon the understanding of his hearers, and acquires their love and esteem. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Put a man upon his favourite subject. Every person will of his own accord fall to talking on his favourite subject or topic if you will follow and not attempt to lead him. – *Unknown*

You will easily discover every man's prevailing vanity, by observing his favourite topic of conversation; for every man talks most of what he has most a mind to be thought to excel in. Touch him there, and you touch to the quick. – *Lord Chesterfield*

The characteristic of a well-bred man is, to converse with his inferiors without insolence, and with his superiors with respect and with ease. – *Lord Chesterfield*

A man who tells nothing or who talks all, will equally have nothing told him. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Never interrupt another but hear him out. – *Unknown*

Praise is nothing more or less than our commitment to, and confession of, the controlling power and presence of Christ the Creator. – *Unknown*

## CHARACTER

**▣ Proverbs 16:32** *He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.*

**▣ Proverbs 20:1** *Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.*

**▣ Proverbs 23:31-32** *Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.*

Virtue makes us pity and relieve the misfortunes of mankind; it makes us promote justice and good order in society; and, in general, contributes to whatever tends to the real good of mankind... A virtuous man under all the misfortunes of life, still finds an inward comfort and satisfaction, which makes him happier than any wicked man can be, with all the other advantages of life. – *Lord Chesterfield*

The firm mind and soft manner unite in forming the symmetrical character. But while we copy the wisdom of the serpent, let us never forget to displace its malevolence by the kindness of the dove. – *Lord Chesterfield*

A gentleman possess a high sense of honour, a determination never to take advantage of others, an adherence to truth, delicacy, and politeness toward all. – *Unknown*

A gentleman is dependable in little things as well as the large affairs of life. – *Unknown*

A gentleman is fearless but God fearing. – *Unknown*

If anyone far surpasses others, either in age, estate, or merit and yet would give place to a meaner than himself in his own lodging or elsewhere, the one ought not to except it, so he on the other part should not use much earnestness nor offer it above once or twice. – *George Washington*

To one that is your equal, or not much inferior, you are to give the chief place in your lodging and he to who 'is offered ought at the first to refuse it but at the second to accept though not without acknowledging his own unworthiness. – *George Washington*

Always allow reason to govern your actions. – *George Washington*

Do not go where you are not wanted. – *George Washington*

Gaze not on the marks or blemishes of others and ask not how they came. – *George Washington*

Let your recreations be manful not sinful. – *George Washington*

A gentleman is constantly attentive to the needs and desires of others before his own. – *Unknown*

Treat everyone with respect. – *Unknown*

**☞ 1 Peter 2:17** Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

**☞ Leviticus 19:32-34** Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I *am* the LORD. And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him. *But* the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God.

Every action done in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those that are present. – *Unknown*

Be considerate of others. Do not embarrass others. – *Unknown*

The man who sincerely and unselfishly desires to know what's right doesn't have any trouble finding out what's right. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

When there is a good, straight road to the right place, why go a roundabout way to get to that place? – *Bob Jones Sr.*

For a Christian, life is not divided into the secular and the sacred. To him all ground is holy ground, every bush a burning bush, and every place a temple of worship. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

It is never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

The cheerful Christian seems always at peace with himself, and with all the world. A gentle animation is constantly welling up in his soul, and diffusing its cheerful influence over all his faculties. – *Hervey*

Subdue your gloomy mood in company. – *Unknown*

To look pleasantly and to speak kindly is a duty we owe to others. – *Arthur Martine*

Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friend to one; enemy to none. – *Benjamin Franklin*

If you lose confidence, or discover deception and fraud on the part of one of whom you had trusted, your faith need not be easily restored in them, withdraw yourself as much as possible from further dealings with them. However, keep the doors of your lips, do not permit a word of censure or denunciation pass them; and even when you are convinced a man is a hypocrite, think that man deceived, so as to not see his own errors. In other words, give that man an excuse for his behaviour but do not trust him until he has fully proved himself again. – *Unknown*

A man may be saved in a second, but it takes time to build a Christian character that will stand the test of years and the storms of life. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

Honesty is the best policy, but the man who is honest because it is the best policy is really not honest. He is selfish. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

There should be nothing in the conduct of the Christian unpleasing to the man of the world, unless it be his godliness. His general behaviour and address should be such as to offend no reasonable being, and his commitment and uprightness should blunt all the arrows of hatred and envy. – *George Winfred Harvey*

The surest means to acquiring character is to observe by what particular character each person displays that pleases you, and imitate that person in that particular, for what pleases you will probably please another. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Do your duty. It is supreme. Always strive to do your duty and never be satisfied if anything can be done better. – *Unknown*

Resolve to perform what you ought: perform without fail what you resolve. – *Unknown*

Duty is ours, consequences are God's. – *Unknown*

Attitude is 99% of the battle. – *Unknown*

**📖 Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

**📖 2 Samuel 10:12** Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good.

**1 Chronicles 19:13** Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight.

**Proverbs 24:5** A wise man *is* strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

**Proverbs 24:10** *If* thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength *is* small.

**Proverbs 24:16** For a just *man* falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

**1 Corinthians 16:13** Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

**2 Timothy 2:1** Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Desire comes and goes, but duty always stands. – *Unknown*

Maturity is the responsible use of freedom. – *Unknown*

Never procrastinate, never put off till tomorrow what you can do today; and never do two things at one time: pursue your object, be what it will, steadily and indefatigable; and let any difficulties (if surmountable) rather animate than slacken your endeavours. Perseverance has surprising effects. – *Lord Chesterfield*.

The ability to encounter danger and difficulties with fearlessness and composure, is a quality as serviceable as it is ornamental to every true knight of the cross. – *Hervey*

Be not discouraged by disappointments and difficulties, but on the contrary let each stimulate you to greater exertions for attaining noble ends, and an approving conscience at least will be your reward.

– *Thomas Jonathan Jackson*

Put your heart and soul into whatever you do. – *Unknown*

**📖 Ecclesiastes 9:10** Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

It is a sin to do less than your best. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

It's no disgrace to fail; it is a disgrace to do less than your best to keep from failing. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

God will not do for you what He has given you strength to do for yourself. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

The greatest ability is dependability. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

The things you do that you ought not to do, you do because you don't do what you ought to do. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

A don't religion is not enough. The way to keep from don'ting is to do so fast you don't have time to don't. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

It is better to die for something than to live for nothing. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

The test of your character is what it takes to stop you. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

Be courteous. – *Unknown*

Life is short, but there is always time for courtesy. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

It is not sufficient to deserve well, one must please well too. – *Lord Chesterfield*



Public opinion cannot be your final authority. For public opinion is no more than what people think that other people think. – *Unknown*

Leave people alone who are untrue, but do not harm them in word or deed. – *Unknown*

Spare no effort to suppress selfishness. – *Unknown*

He that falls in love with himself, will have no rivals.  
– *Benjamin Franklin*

Sacrifice your life rather than your word. – *Unknown*

Nothing is more essential than always to speak truth, and to be strictly observant of one's promise. On the other hand, nothing is more infamous and dishonourable than to tell lies and break your word.  
– *Lord Chesterfield*

Undertake not what you cannot perform and be careful to keep your word. – *George Washington*

**📖 Psalms 15:1-4** LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. *He that* backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. *He that* sweareth to *his own* hurt, and changeth not.

**📖 Psalms 101:7** He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Be temperate. Eat too little rather than too much. – *Unknown*

Make no show of taking great delight in your food, neither find fault with what you eat. – *George Washington*

Put not another bite into your mouth till the former be swallowed. Let not your morsels be too big for your mouth. – *George Washington*

Drink not nor talk with your mouth full; neither gaze about you while you are drinking. – *George Washington*

Cleanse not your teeth with the tablecloth, napkin, fork, or knife; but if others do it, let it be done without a peep to them. – *George Washington*

In the company of your betters, be not longer in eating than they are; lay not your arm but only your hand upon the table. – *George Washington*

Be not angry at the table whatever happens, & if you have reason to be so, show it not but rather put on a cheerful countenance, especially if there be strangers, for good humor makes one dish of meat a feast. – *George Washington*

Set not yourself at the upper of the table; but if it be your due or that the master of the house will have it so, contend not, least you should trouble the company. – *George Washington*

If others talk at the table be attentive, but talk not with meat in your mouth. – *George Washington*

Hunger never saw bad bread. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Treat all men fairly. – *Unknown*

Let all things have their places: let each part of your business have its time. – *Benjamin Franklin*

**📖 Ecclesiastes 3:1** To every *thing* there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Be orderly. – *Unknown*

**📖 1 Corinthians 14:40** Let all things be done decently and in order.

Punctuality must be one of your marked characteristics. – *Unknown*

Have order and method in your accounts, in your reading, in the allotment of your time; in short, in everything. You cannot conceive how much time you will save by it, nor how much better everything you do will be done. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Without frugality none can be rich, and with it very few would be poor. – *Samuel Johnson*

Beware of little expenses, a small leak will sink a great ship. – *Benjamin Franklin*

If your outgo is more than your income, your upkeep will be your downfall! – *Unknown*

A fool squanders away without credit or advantage to himself, more than a man of sense spends with both...The former buys whatever he does not want, and does not pay for what he does want....Keep an account, in a book, of all that you receive, and of all that you pay; for no man, who knows what he receives and what he pays, ever runs out. – *Lord Chesterfield*

**📖 Proverbs 21:20** *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

Lose no time; be always employed in something useful; cut off all unnecessary actions. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Would you live with ease, do what you ought, not what you please.  
– *Benjamin Franklin*

No man e'er was glorious, who was not laborious. – *Benjamin Franklin*

All things are easy to industry, all things difficult to *sloth*. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Haste makes waste. – *Unknown*

Do not be hasty. Be slow, steady, sure, and steadfast. – *Unknown*

**📖 Proverbs 19:1-2** Better *is* the poor that walketh in his integrity, than *he that is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool. Also, *that* the soul *be* without knowledge, *it is* not good; and he that hasteth with *his* feet sinneth.

Diligence overcomes difficulties, sloth makes them. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.  
– *Benjamin Franklin*

When men are employed, they are best contented; for on the days they worked they were good natured and cheerful, and, with the consciousness of having done a good day's work, they spent the evening jollily; but on our idle days they were mutinous and quarrelsome. – *Benjamin Franklin*

A man of sense knows how to make the most of time, and puts his whole sum either to interest or to pleasure: he is never idle, but constantly employed either in amusements or in study. It is a saying, that idleness is the mother of all vice. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Innocence needs no covering...manners can never be separated from morals...Ill-timed and ill-placed actions are seldom repulsive when they are recommended by honesty and frankness. – *George Winfred Hervey*

Wrong none by doing injuries or omitting the benefits that are your duty. – *Benjamin Franklin*

The masters of one's temper, and the coolness of mind, and serenity of countenance are the fundamentals of life. – *Unknown*

Make yourself absolute master of your temper and your countenance, so far, at least, as that no visible change does appear in either, whatever you may feel inwardly. This may be difficult, but it is by no means impossible; and, as a man of sense never attempts impossibilities on one hand, on the other, he is never discouraged by difficulties. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes, or habitation. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Put not off your clothes in the presence of others, nor go out your chamber half dressed. – *George Washington*

Wear not your clothes foul, ripped or dusty, and take heed that you approach not to any uncleanness. – *George Washington*

In your apparel be modest and endeavor to accommodate nature rather than to procure admiration; keep to the fashion of your equals such as are civil and orderly with respect to times and places. – *George Washington*

Play not the peacock, looking everywhere about you to see if you be well decked. – *Unknown*

When you sit down, keep your feet firm and even, without putting one on the other or crossing them. – *George Washington*

Shift not yourself in the sight of others, nor gnaw your nails. – *George Washington*

Jog not the table or desk on which another reads or writes. – *George Washington*

Come not near the books or writings of another so as to read them unless desired; also look not nigh when another is writing a letter. – *George Washington*

Show not yourself glad at the misfortune of another though he were your enemy. – *George Washington*

**📖 Proverbs 24:17-18** Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: Lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him.

When you see a crime punished, you may be inwardly pleased; but always show pity to the suffering offender. – *George Washington*

Be not disturbed at trifles nor at accidents common or unavoidable. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Pride is the stone over which many people stumble. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

A person should not overly value their own accomplishments. – *George Washington*

Be humble. Humility is but charity bowing to do homage and stooping to deeds of kindness...It endeavours to sink beneath the notice of the world, and yet its very self-abasement excites the wonder and wins the praise of all...The man that humbles himself before his enemy while is yet smarting under wrong and abuse, shows a spirit superior to the flesh...and a wisdom that prefers peace to his own rights. – *Unknown*

To be humble to superiors is duty, to equals courtesy, to inferiors nobleness. – *Benjamin Franklin*

**📖 Proverbs 15:33** The fear of the LORD *is* the instruction of wisdom; and before honour *is* humility.

God constituted you for happiness, and that happiness is to be achieved only by deliberately choosing the service of the Lord as the great end of living. – *Joel Parker*

Provide for your family with every comfort and convenience you can, spare no expense. – *Unknown*

The security and elevation of the family and of family life are the prime objects of civilization, and the ultimate end of all industries. – *Charles W. Eliot*

Strive to attain a very great elevation of character. – *Unknown*

Character is higher than intellect. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Character is the sure and solid foundation upon which you must both stand and rise... – *Lord Chesterfield*

Character is what you are in the dark. – *D. L. Moody*

Character is like a tree, and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing. – *Abraham Lincoln*

Actions speak louder than words. – *Unknown*

A gentleman does his best to be there when he is needed, and to stay out of the way the rest of the time. – *Unknown*

Action is the proper fruit of knowledge. – *Thomas Fuller*

Never take counsel of your fears. – *Thomas Jonathan Jackson*

To know and not to do, is really not to know. – *Unknown*

Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge, fitter to bruise than to polish. – *Anne Bradstreet*

If the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense, or it all becomes nonsense! – *Unknown*

Never violate the known will of God. – *Unknown*

📖 **Psalms 111:10** The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

📖 **Proverbs 4:7** Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

Knowledge is a comfortable and necessary retreat and shelter for us in an advanced age; and if we do not plant it while young, it will give us no shade when we grow old...If you should sometimes think studying a little laborious, consider that labour is the unavoidable fatigue of a necessary journey. The more hours a day you travel, the sooner you will be at your journey's end. The sooner you qualify for your liberty, the sooner you shall have it. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Manners adorn and give an additional force and lustre to both virtue and knowledge. They prepare and smooth the way for the progress of both; and are, I fear, with the bulk of mankind, more engaging than either. Remember the infinite advantage of manners;... – *Lord Chesterfield*

Know that as learning, honour, and virtue are absolutely necessary to gain you the esteem and admiration of mankind; politeness and good breeding (training in the art of good behaviour) are equally necessary to make you welcome and agreeable in conversation and common life. A genteel manner prepossesses people in your favour, bends them toward you, and makes them wish to be like you. – *Lord Chesterfield*



**1 Peter 3:8** Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be pitiful, be courteous*:

Vulgar, low expressions, awkward motions and addresses, vilify, as they imply either a very low turn of mind, or low education and low company...Consider all of your circumstances seriously; and you will find that, of all arts, the art of pleasing is the most necessary for you to study and possess...Most arts require long study and application; but the most useful art of all, that of pleasing, requires only desire. – *Lord Chesterfield*

There should be nothing in the conduct of the Christian displeasing to the man of the world, unless it be his godliness. – *Hervey* (Principles of Courtesy)

The sins of selfishness, vanity, and pride have drawn the scorn of countless writers throughout the ages. – *Unknown*

**Proverbs 27:2** Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

Pride and grace never dwell in the same place. – *Unknown*

Vanity is the more odious and shocking to everybody, because everybody, without exception, has vanity; and two vanities can never love one another. – *Lord Chesterfield*

The Devil sweetens poison with honey. – *Unknown*

Many a man thinks he is buying pleasure, when he is really selling himself a slave to it. – *Benjamin Franklin*

If thou would be happy, learn to please. – *Benjamin Franklin*

Good manners are made up of petty sacrifices. – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable; however, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer it, than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable. – *Lord Chesterfield*

Practice makes perfect. – *Unknown*

The gentleman does not needlessly and unnecessarily remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him...and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which imparts sufficient strength to let the past be but the past. A true man of honour feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others. – *Robert E. Lee*

He that cannot bear with other people's passions, cannot govern his own. – *Unknown*

He is not well-bred, that cannot bear ill-breeding in others. – *Unknown*

The proud hate pride – in others. – *Unknown*

Take everyone seriously but yourself. – *Unknown*

Fame which does not result from good actions and achievements for the good of the whole people is not to be desired. – *Robert E. Lee*

Avoid all frivolous authors, such as novel writers, and all sceptical authors, whether religious, philosophical, or moral. – *Robert E. Lee*

Never touch a novel. They print beauty more charming than nature, and describe happiness that never exists. – *Robert E. Lee*

The more you know, the more you find there is to know in this grand and beautiful world. It is only the ignorant who suppose themselves omniscient. – *Robert E. Lee*

You cannot be a true man until you learn to obey. – *Robert E. Lee*

He that cannot obey, cannot command. – *Unknown*

He that will not be counselled, cannot be helped. – *Unknown*

It is particularly incumbent on those charged with the instruction of the young to set them an example of submission to authority. – *Robert E. Lee*

The first business of education is to draw forth and put into habitual exercise the former dispositions, such as kindness, justice, and self-denial. – *Robert E. Lee*

Study hard, be always a gentleman, live cleanly, and remember God. – *Robert E. Lee*

Let nothing discourage or deter you from endeavouring to acquire virtue and knowledge. – *Robert E. Lee*

With calm satisfaction, trust in God and leave results to Him. – *Robert E. Lee*

We must all try to be good Christians-that is the most important thing. – *Robert E. Lee to a five year old boy.*

Young men who wish to lay claim to the noble title of “gentleman” must embrace their duty at all costs and in the face of sometimes fierce opposition and personal loss. – *Robert E. Lee*

**📖 Matthew 16:24** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

**📖 John 15:13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

To do our duty; that is all the pleasure, all the comfort, all the glory we can enjoy in this world. – *Robert E. Lee*

Duty must come before pleasure. – *Robert E. Lee*

Private and public life are subject to the same rules; and truth and manliness are two qualities that will carry you through this world much better than policy, or tact, or expediency, or any other word that was ever devised to conceal or mystify a deviation from a straight line. – *Robert E. Lee*

We must make up our minds to fight our battles ourselves, expect to receive aid from no one, and make every necessary sacrifice. – *Robert E. Lee*

Stand up...boldly, manfully; do your best. – *Robert E. Lee*

It must be remembered that we make war only upon armed men. – *Robert E. Lee*

Always mystify, mislead, and surprise the enemy if possible. – *Thomas Jonathan Jackson*

War means fighting. The business of the soldier is to fight. Armies are not called out to dig trenches, to throw up breastworks, to live in camps, but to find the enemy and strike him; to invade his country, and do him all possible damage in the shortest possible time. This will involve great destruction of life and property while it lasts; but such a war will of necessity be of brief continuance, and so would be an economy of life and property in the end. – *Thomas Jonathan Jackson*

Men will most effectively secure their safety by preserving order and fighting with coolness and vigour. – *Robert E. Lee*

Discipline cannot be attained without constant watchfulness. – *Robert E. Lee*

Obedience to lawful authority is the foundation of manly character.  
– *Robert E. Lee*

As a general principle you should not force young men to do their duty, but let them do it voluntarily and thereby develop their character.  
– *Robert E. Lee*

You men must not expect to escape contact with evil, but must learn not to be contaminated by it. – *Robert E. Lee*

You must study to be frank with the world: frankness is the child of honesty and courage. – *Robert E. Lee*

If you have any fault with any one, tell him, not others, of what you complain; there is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. – *Robert E. Lee*

We should live so as to say and do nothing to the injury of any one. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honour. – *Robert E. Lee*

You must act right whatever the consequences. – *Robert E. Lee*

You must not feel anxious or unsettled, but persevere in your duty.  
– *Robert E. Lee*

Efforts to do your duty will bring you a delight and gratification far surpassing all that idleness and selfishness can give. – *Robert E. Lee*

We must be content with the bare necessities of life, if we can maintain clean hands and clear consciences. – *Robert E. Lee*

**📖 Ecclesiastes 6:9** Better *is* the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire:

**1 Timothy 6:6** But godliness with contentment is great gain.

**Hebrews 13:5** *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Hold yourself above every mean action. Be strictly honourable in every act, and be not ashamed to do right. Acknowledge right to be your aim and strive to reach it. – *Robert E. Lee*

Pay all debts as soon as possible. – *Robert E. Lee*

**Ecclesiastes 5:4** When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he hath* no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

Bear manfully misfortunes and all will come right in the end. – *Robert E. Lee*

Occupy yourself in aiding those more helpless than yourself. – *Robert E. Lee*

The real honest man is honest from conviction of what is right, not from policy. – *Robert E. Lee*

Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in hope that it may find a place in history, and descend to posterity. – *Robert E. Lee*

Misfortune nobly borne, is good fortune. – *Robert E. Lee*

The better rule is to judge our adversaries from their standpoint, not ours. – *Robert E. Lee*

Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret. – *Robert E. Lee*

Be more interested in making those around you happy, this is the true way to secure your own happiness. – *Robert E. Lee*

Desire nothing too eagerly, nor think that all things can be perfectly accomplished according to our own notions. – *Robert E. Lee*

If a gentleman can't understand the language of a gentleman, he must remain in ignorance, for a gentleman cannot write in any other way. – *Robert E. Lee*

Meddle or interfere with nothing with which you have no concern. – *Robert E. Lee*

**📖 Proverbs 26:17** He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with strife *belonging* not to him, *is like* one that taketh a dog by the ears.

Find time to read and improve your mind. – *Robert E. Lee*

When a man makes a mistake, call him to you, talk to him, and use the authority of your position to make him do the right things the next time. – *Robert E. Lee*

The parent must bear constantly in mind, that to govern the child, he must show him that he can control himself. – *Robert E. Lee*

It is the part of wisdom to attend to your own affairs. – *Robert E. Lee*

It is easier to make your wishes conform to your means, than to make your means to conform to your wishes. – *Robert E. Lee*

Never exceed your means. It will save you much anxiety and mortification, and enable you to maintain your independence of character and feeling. – *Robert E. Lee*

One hour asleep before midnight is worth two after that time. – *Robert E. Lee*

You must use the resources you have so as to gain success. – *Robert E. Lee*

Save all your money and invest in some safe and lucrative way. – *Robert E. Lee*

You must be aware of one thing, that those you deal with will consider their advantage and not yours. So while being fair and just, you must not neglect your interests. – *Robert E. Lee*

I cannot consent to place in the control of others one who cannot control himself. – *Robert E. Lee*

**📖 Proverbs 25:28** He that *hath* no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

There are no gains without pains. – *Unknown*

A man may manifest and communicate his joy, but he should conceal and smother his grief as much as possible. – *Robert E. Lee*

That virtue is worth little that requires constant watching and removal from temptation. – *Robert E. Lee*

There is scarcely anything that is right that we cannot hope to accomplish by labour and perseverance. But the first must be earnest and the second unremitting. – *Robert E. Lee*

I consider the character of no man affected by a want of success provided he has made an honest effort to succeed. – *Robert E. Lee*



Live not to yourself but to God and your fellow man. – *Unknown*

Amusement is the satisfaction of those who cannot think; entertainment is the gratification of those who cannot read. – *Alexander Pope*

**1 Timothy 4:13** Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God. – *William Carey*

Love will go beyond the call of duty. Do you love God (Luke 17:3-10; John 14:15)?

Love without loyalty is lust – *Unknown*

Finish the job – *Unknown*

If a task is once begun, never leave it 'til it's done. Be the labour great or small, do it well, or not at all! – *Unknown*

Some wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bells, whilst I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of hell. – *Charles Thomas Studd*

You can't keep the birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from making a nest in your hair. – *Bob Jones Sr.*

It is not a sin to see, it is a sin to look. – *Unknown*

Christianity is not imitation but invitation and participation of Christ. – *Unknown*

Chastisement without Christ is cruel, it is corporal punishment. Whilst chastisement with Christ is compassion; it will produce a good child, a good citizen, and a good Christian. – *Unknown*

The Son of God goes forth to war, His kingly crown to gain; His blood red banner streams a far. Who will follow in His dear name?  
– *Unknown*

The secret to patience is doing something else whilst you wait.  
– *Unknown*

A mighty oak is just a nut that held its ground. – *Unknown*

The greatest time wasted is the time getting started. – *Unknown*

A vision without a task makes a visionary; a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision with a task makes a missionary. – *Unknown*

George Mueller's key to success. There was a day when I died. Died to George Mueller, his opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world, its approval or censure; died to the approval or blame even of my brethren or friends; and since then I have studied only to shew myself approved unto God. – *George Mueller*

Make sure you have the right motive when you pray. "The right motive is this, that God could be glorified, that Jesus might see the reward of his sufferings! That sinners might be saved, so that God might have new tongues to praise him, new hearts to love him! That sin were put an end to, that the holiness, righteousness, mercy, and power of God might be magnified! That is the way to pray! When thy prayers seek God's glory, it is God's glory to answer thy prayers. – *C. H. Spurgeon*

Boredom is a result of laziness. – *Unknown*

## WOMEN

The Christian gentleman always shows respect to women –  
*Unknown*

No provocation whatsoever can justify any man in not being civil to every woman. – *Unknown*

**1 Timothy 5:1-3** Rebuke not an elder, but intreat *him* as a father; *and* the younger men as brethren; The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed.

You have a sacred charge, the care of your mother. – *Robert E. Lee*

**Ephesians 6:2** Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)

**Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

All work and no play makes the home (wife and children) soon fade away. – *Unknown*

**Ecclesiastes 9:9** Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun.

📖 **Ephesians 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

📖 **Colossians 3:19** Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

📖 **1 Peter 3:7** Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

📖 **Proverbs 5:18** Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

📖 **Proverbs 11:29** He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind...

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterwards.

– *Benjamin Franklin*

📖 **Proverbs 5:1-4** My son, attend unto my wisdom, *and* bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and *that* thy lips may keep knowledge. For the lips of a strange woman drop *as* an honeycomb, and her mouth *is* smoother than oil: But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a twoedged sword.

📖 **Proverbs 6:25-26** Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids. For by means of a whorish woman *a man is brought* to a piece of bread: and the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.

📖 **Proverbs 21:9** It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

**📖 Matthew 5:28** But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

**📖 2 Timothy 2:22** Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

