

On Being a Man of God

Deuteronomy 5:32-6:18

*Lessons from Moses'
Farewell Sermon*



What does it take to be a man of God?

Being a man of God means that...

1. **You follow God.**
2. You live your faith.
3. You don't forget God.
4. You don't follow other gods.

You follow God

- 1. Follow Everything God Commands You***
 - Fully, Completely, without exception***

Deuteronomy 5:32-33 (NLT)

³² So Moses told the people, **“You must be careful to obey all the commands of the LORD your God, following his instructions in every detail. ³³ Stay on the path that the LORD your God has commanded you to follow.** Then you will live long and prosperous lives in the land you are about to enter and occupy.

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Everything God Commands You

- *Fully, Completely, without exception*

2. *Everywhere you go*

- *No vacation from being a man of God*

Deuteronomy 6:1(NLT)

¹“These are the commands, decrees, and regulations that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you. **You must obey them in the land you are about to enter and occupy,**

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3. Follow God Every Day of your Life

- *24/7/365*

Deuteronomy 6:2-3(NLT)

² and you and your children and grandchildren must fear the LORD your God as long as you live. If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. ³ Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. Then all will go well with you, and you will have many children in the land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

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4. Love God With All That You Are

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NLT)

4 “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. **5** And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

You follow God because...

1. *Walking in God's will and His ways will bring you into his favor.*

- *Material blessings?*
- *Relational blessings?*
- *Spiritual blessings?*

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.
Ephesians 1:3 (NLT)

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You follow God because...

- 1. *Walking in God's will and His ways will bring you into his favor.***
- 2. *It is for your benefit.***
 - *God wants the best for you.*
 - *10 Commandments: Prison or Protection?*

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You follow God because...

- 1. Walking in God's will and His ways will bring you into his favor.***
- 2. It is for your benefit.***
- 3. You can trust in His promises.***
 - What promises do we have in Christ?***
 - Joy, strength and peace in this present life despite trials, temptations and persecution.***
 - Life eternal...***

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You live your faith

- 1. Model it** - *Live out your faith in everyday life.*
- 2. Teach it** - *Teach your faith to your children.*
- 3. Live it** – *Before the whole world.*

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NLT)

⁶ And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. ⁷ Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. ⁸ Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. ⁹ Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.



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1. **Good Times – *You still need God; God has blessed you...***
2. **Bad Times – *You really need God***

Deuteronomy 6:11-12 (NLT)

¹¹ The houses will be richly stocked with goods you did not produce. You will draw water from cisterns you did not dig, and you will eat from vineyards and olive trees you did not plant. When you have eaten your fill in this land,
¹² **be careful not to forget the LORD, who rescued you from slavery in the land of Egypt.**

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<i>Troubles?....</i>	DISCIPLINE	TEST/TRIAL	TEMPTATION
FROM	The Lord	God, World, Satan	The Devil
RESULT OF	Disobedience	Following God	Pride or Exposure
HOW TO DISCERN	Fits Crime	Proves Faith	Leads Astray
RIGHT RESPONSE	Repent!	Persevere	Resist!
DO NOT	Make Light of	Shrink Back	Fall into
GOD IS SAYING	We are Sons	His Name is in Us	The Flesh is Weak
ENDS WITH	Fear and Holiness	Death and Glory	Sin or Victory



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- 1. *Cling to God whole heartedly***
- 2. *Resist the temptation to be drawn away to follow 'false gods/idols'***
 - ***Idolatry – 'Anything that takes the place of God in your life.'***
 - ***Food, finances, fame and fun.***
 - ***Pleasure, Money, Self Sufficiency, Achievement?***

Deuteronomy 6:13-14 (NLT)

¹³ You must fear the LORD your God and serve him. When you take an oath, you must use only his name. ¹⁴ "You must not worship any of the gods of neighboring nations,

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1. *Cling to God whole heartedly*
2. *Resist the temptation to be drawn away to follow 'false gods/idols'*
3. **God is a jealous God**
 - **He demands that we worship Him so that we will bring Him glory but also because we need to do so for our own good.**
4. *Community is critical*

Deuteronomy 6:15-16 (NLT)
¹⁵ **for the LORD your God, who lives among you, is a jealous God.** His anger will flare up against you, and he will wipe you from the face of the earth. ¹⁶ You must not test the LORD your God as you did when you complained at Massah.



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Bottom Line:

“¹⁸ Do what is right and good in the LORD’s sight, so all will go well with you.”