



Biblical Manhood

Remembering Our Legacy, Fulfilling Our Destiny

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An Obedient Couple

Obedience to God is vitally important to your wife's spiritual life. It is His great desire for your wife. He yearns for it more than sacrifice or religious ritual. As your wife walks in obedience, it will provide her with peace and joy. She will know God's presence and power in fresh and unique ways. She will also experience God's blessing and order in her life. As these things take place in her life, it will strengthen and invigorate your marriage. The following Scripture prayers can help you pray for your wife's obedience to God.

You can pray for her growth in obedience. Yet, as you pray for her, plead for the same in your life. As you both grow in obedience to God, it will strengthen and grow your own marriage and relationship. Ask God to make you into an obedient couple.

Father, I plead that You would grant _____ a heart to obey You. I ask that she will hear and practice the Word of God (**James 1:22**).

Father, I pray that _____ would walk in the Spirit. I plead that she will be filled with the Spirit and will not carry out the lust of the flesh. Give her the power to obey You (**Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18**).

Father, I ask that _____ would please You with her obedience to Your Word. Deliver her from rebellion against You and Your Word (**1 Samuel 15:22-23**).

Father, grant _____ a growing, intimate knowledge of Your Word. Open her eyes to the truth of Your Word. I ask You to teach her what you require of her (**Psalms 119:68**).

Father, I plead that _____ will love You with all her heart, soul, and mind (**Matthew 22:37**).

Lord God, I pray that You will be the top priority of _____'s life. Deliver _____ from placing anything or

anybody before You in her life (**Exodus 20:3**).

Father, I ask that _____ will understand who You are. Grant _____ an intimate knowledge of You from Your Word. I pray that _____ will have a true knowledge of Your character and will not develop false ideas about You or Your ways (**Exodus 20:4**).

I pray that _____ will never take Your name in vain. I ask that _____ will treat Your name with reverence and honor. Enable _____ to live a life worthy of Your name (**Exodus 20:7**).

Father, I plead that _____ will honor the Lord's Day. I ask that _____ will worship you and focus on You during the Lord's Day. Cause her to make this a special day throughout her life (**Exodus 20:8-11**).

Father, I plead that _____ will always love her neighbor as herself. Deliver _____ from self-centeredness (**Matthew 22:39**).

Lord God, I pray that _____ will honor her father and mother all the days of her life. Enable _____ to honor her parents in

the Lord through her words and actions (**Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-3**).

Father, I ask that _____ would never commit murder. Grant that _____ will not allow anger to be a part of her character. Deliver her from speaking harsh and spiteful words (**Exodus 20:13**).

Lord, I pray that _____ would not commit adultery. I ask that You would enable _____ to think pure thoughts about members of the opposite sex. Set her free from lust. Create within her a longing for sexual purity (**Exodus 20:14**).

Father, I plead that _____ would not steal throughout her life. Create within her a heart for work. I pray that You would instill in her a desire to work for You and not for men (**Exodus 20:15**).

Lord God, I pray that _____ would not bear false witness. I plead that You would deliver _____ from lying. Create in her heart a longing for truth and integrity. Enable _____ to be a person who speaks the truth in love (**Exodus 20:16**).

Father, I plead that _____ would not covet. Create a spirit of contentment in her. Cause her to trust in You and Your provision in his or her life.

I pray that _____ would look more to the Giver than the gifts that You give (**Exodus 20:17**).

Your World Prayer Plan

A “biblical man” seeks to make a difference around the world. The following are the nations and needs to pray over for March and April. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and power to pray for the nations. You can have a powerful and eternal impact as you daily pray for the nations of the world. Only eternity will reveal the power and effectiveness of your intercession for the world!

March

- 1-Colombia-The Lost
- 2-Comoros Islands
- 3-Congo
- 4-Cook Islands
- 5-Costa Rica
- 6-Cote d’Ivoire
- 7-Cuba-The Church
- 8-Cuba-The Lost
- 9-Cuba-Collapse of Communism
- 10-Cyprus
- 11-Czech Republic
- 12-Slovakia
- 13-Denmark
- 14-Djibouti
- 15-Dominica
- 16-Dominican Republic
- 17-Ecuador

- 18-Egypt-The Church
- 19-Egypt-The Lost
- 20-Egypt-Persecuted Believers
- 21-El Salvador
- 22-Equatorial Guinea
- 23-Eritrea
- 24-Estonia
- 25-Ethiopia-The Church
- 26-Ethiopia-The Lost
- 27-Ethiopia-Persecuted Believers
- 28-Faeroe Islands
- 29-Falkland Islands
- 30-Croatia-The Church
- 31-Croatia-The Lost

April

- 1-Fiji
- 2-France-The Church
- 3-France-The Lost
- 4-France-Hardness To The Gospel
- 5-France-Missionaries
- 6-French Guiana
- 7-French Polynesia
- 8-Gabon
- 9-Gambia
- 10-Gaza Strip
- 11-Georgia
- 12-Germany-The Church
- 13-Germany-The Lost
- 14-Germany-Spiritual Warfare
- 15-Ghana
- 16-Gibraltar
- 17-Greece
- 18-Greenland
- 19-Grenada
- 20-Guadeloupe

21-Guam
 22-Guatemala
 23-Guinea
 24-Guinea-Bissau
 25-Guyana
 26-Haiti
 27-Holy See (Vatican)
 28-Honduras
 29-Hong Kong
 30-Hungary-The Church

Confessing God's Word Over Your Marriage

"As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and always be enraptured with her love" (Proverbs 5:19).

Father, _____ is the precious gift of Your hands. I plead that we would find deep and abiding satisfaction in each other. I pray that we would be intoxicated with each other's love. Let our love fill us with delight. Amen.

ASK GOD TO ENABLE YOU TO LOVE YOUR WIFE IN SUCH A WAY THAT SHE WILL DELIGHT IN YOU AND FIND SATISFACTION IN YOUR LOVE.

My Confession: I will look for satisfaction in my wife and not in any other woman. I will be captivated by her love and not by lust for other women.

Standing In The Gap For Your Children

Day 1:
 Lord, I pray that You would save _____. Grant faith and repentance to him/her. I ask that _____ would surrender himself/herself to Jesus Christ (**John 3:16, 5:25; Matthew 11:28; Acts 4:12**).

Day 2:
 Father, I pray that _____ would grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Enable him/her to mature in the faith (**1 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:18**).

Day 3:
 Father, I pray that You would create a hunger in _____ for the Word of God. I plead that he/she will find Your Word more precious than much pure gold and sweeter than honey from the comb (**Psalms 19:10**).

Day 4:
 I ask that _____ will learn to live a life of love for God and others through the Holy Spirit who lives in him/her and who pours out the love of God into his/her heart (**Romans 5:5**).

Day 5:
Create in _____ a pure heart,
O God, and cause that purity to be shown
in their words and actions (**Psalm 51:10**).

Day 6:
I pray that _____ would have
an ever-increasing faith in You and Your
Word (**Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6**).

Day 7:
Father, I pray that You would enable
_____ to be sexually pure
in thought, words, and actions. I plead
that he/she will be protected from
pornography, pre-marital sex, and
outrcourse (**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4;**
Ephesians 5:3).

Day 8:
O God, create a servant's heart in
_____ that he/she may
serve wholeheartedly as if he/she were
serving the Lord and not men (**Ephesians**
6:7).

Day 9:
I pray that You, the God of hope, would
cause hope to overflow in
_____ 's life (**Romans**
15:13).

Day 10:
Father, cultivate in _____ the
ability to have true humility before You

and to show true humility before all
people (**Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 5:5**).

Day 11:
Lord, clothe _____ with the
godly virtue of compassion (**Colossians**
3:12).

Day 12:
I plead that honesty and integrity would
characterize _____ 's life
(**Psalm 15, 25:21**).

Day 13:
Father, help _____ not to be
like many others around him/her, but
enable _____ to be alert and
self-controlled in all that he/she does (**1**
Thessalonians 5:6).

Day 14:
Lord, I plead that _____ will
love justice as You do and will act justly
in all that he/she does (**Psalm 11:7; Micah**
6:8).

Day 15:
Let love and faithfulness never leave
_____, but bind these twin
virtues around his/her neck and write
them on the tablet of his/her heart
(**Proverbs 3:31**).

Day 16:
God, enable _____ to always
be strong and courageous for You in all

that he/she says and does (**Deuteronomy 31:6**).

Day 17:

I ask that _____ will always be merciful as his/her heavenly Father is merciful (**Luke 6:36**).

Day 18:

Father, empower _____ to show proper respect to everyone as Your Word commands (**1 Peter 2:17**).

Day 19:

Lord, teach _____ perseverance, especially to run the race with perseverance marked out for him/her (**Hebrews 12:1**).

Day 20:

Father, I pray that _____ will develop a strong self-esteem that is rooted in the righteousness of Jesus and the realization that he/she is God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (**Ephesians 2:10**).

Day 21:

Lord, I ask that _____ will be filled with joy given by the Holy Spirit (**1 Thessalonians 1:6**).

Day 22:

Father, enable _____ to make every effort to do what leads to peace (**Romans 14:19**).

Day 23:

God, grant that _____ will learn responsibility and diligence because each one should carry his/her own load (**Galatians 6:5**).

Day 24:

I pray that _____ will be generous, willing to give to You and to others. I ask that he/she would lay up treasure in heaven (**Matthew 6:19-20**).

Day 25:

I ask that _____ will be kind, tenderhearted, forgiving others as God for Christ's sake has forgiven him/her (**Ephesians 4:32**).

Day 26:

Lord, teach _____ the value of work. Enable him/her to work to Your glory and his/her good (**Colossians 3:23**).

Day 27:

Father, create a passion in _____ to know and love You (**Psalms 63:8**).

Day 28:

Lord, I ask that _____ will have a heart for prayer. Teach him/her how to pray and to listen to You (**Luke 18:1; Colossians 4:2**).

Day 29:

Father, I pray that _____ would give thanks always for all things in the name of Jesus to Your glory and in obedience to Your will (1 **Thessalonians 5:18**).

Day 30:

I pray that _____ would acquire a disciplined and wise life, do what is right, just, and fair in Your sight (**Proverbs 1:3**).

Day 31:

Father, create a longing in _____'s heart to see Your gospel declared among the nations. Give _____ a heart for the nations of the world (**Psalms 96:3**).

Lord, teach _____ the secret of being content in any and every situation through Him who gives strength (**Philippians 4:12-13**).

The Battle For Purity

“Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God” (G.K. Chesterton).

“I was seeking you outside myself, and finding not the God of my heart” (Augustine).

Sexual sin is an act or sign of idolatry. Something matters to us more than God. We desire, want, treasure, worship something in the place of God. Sexual sin is not primarily about lust. It is first and foremost a violation of the First Great Commandment, an idol that places the Creator. This means that in the face of frustration, loneliness, stress, anxiety, etc. the individual runs to a false god.

In order to fight sexual sin, we must be freed by the beauty, the greatness, of God. Adoration of God can free us from lust and sexual sin. We fight the desire for sexual sin and pornography with the desire for God. We realize that God offers more than porn does:

Porn promises respect – It offers the opportunity to reimagine ourselves as sex gods worthy of respect;

God offers us acceptance – He accepts solely through faith in Jesus.

Porn offers relationship – a safe alternative to intimacy;

God is merciful – He can sustain and help us in all our relationships and with all our fears.

Porn promises refuge – an escape from the pressures and troubles of life;

God is sovereign – He desires that we cast our cares on Him.

Porn promises reward – It offers excitement when life is hard, dull, or disappointing;

God is good – He offers lasting joy and delight.

Porn promises revenge – It's a way of acting out when you don't get what you want;

God is gracious – He gives you more than you deserve.

Porn is a sin of imagination. We need to counter it by enlarging our imaginations. The answer to porn is to believe the truth. We need to let the truth capture our imaginations – to meditate, to ponder, to marvel at, and to sing the truth. We need to feel the truth, glory in the truth, and delight in the truth.

Discipline yourself to start each day cultivating your affections for God. Remind yourself of Christ's glory, goodness, sovereignty, and grace until your heart is warmed and Christ reigns supreme in your heart. Battling porn is not an exercise in denying self. It's about fighting pleasure with a greater pleasure. We do not need to say, "I should not use porn." We must say, "I don't need to use porn because God is bigger and better."

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