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There are many people who say that they are Christians. Are they really Christians though? Do they really possess the traits that make someone a man of God? Throughout the Bible there are many examples of these traits which a man of God must show. In 2 Timothy 4:5, there is one of these examples. Christians need to understand what it means to be a man of God so that they can learn what they need to do to live righteously.

The man of God must “be watchful” like a watchman (2 Timothy 4:5). The Bible tells of the watchman in 2 Samuel 18:24-25 and in Ezekiel 33:1-7. There the Bible says that the watchman must look out for danger. When looking out for danger the watchman must always be on the alert, constantly looking for anything that might come. He must also be ready at any moment. The man of God must be as the watchman, on the alert and always ready to spot danger. The man of God must also send out the warning when danger has been seen. The watchman must be able to warn the people about the coming danger; otherwise, the watchman has no purpose. With this warning he helps the people prepare for the coming danger so they might withstand it. The man of God, like the watchman, must also be able to send out a warning to inform the people and help them prepare for the danger to come.

The man of God must be able to “endure affliction” (2 Timothy 4:5). In 2 Timothy 2:3, the Bible says that he must be enduring as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. If the man of God will endure then he can reign with God and live with Him. As the man of God endures, he can be comforted from his affliction by faith (1 Thessalonians 3:7). The man of God can also be comforted in knowing that his affliction is working to benefit him. In 2 Corinthians 4:17, the Bible teaches that this affliction is helping Christians obtain an exceeding and eternal weight in glory.

The man of God must be an evangelist. He must spread the word of God to all the lost. As Jesus did in Luke 19:10, the man of God must seek and save the lost. If the man of God does not spread the word, then who else will do it? If God’s own followers do not spread it, then it will not grow and more will not come to Christ. When evangelizing the man of God must have the specific goal of saving souls. In James 1:21 the Bible tells that people need to receive the implanted word, but if the Word has not been implanted by someone then it cannot be received. God has also commanded His followers to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). If the man of God does not evangelize, then he is not following what God desires of His people.

The man of God must fulfill the ministry. As he fulfills the ministry he is obligated to seek and strive for righteousness. The Bible commands this saying, he must “pursue righteousness” (1 Timothy 6:11). The Bible says, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6). The Word of God explains that he must have a strong desire to obtain righteousness. The man of God must fulfill the ministry with obedience as well. In Romans 5:19, the Bible says that by obedience many will be made righteous. If he is truly obedient then he will understand his duty to punish disobedience. To punish disobedience, the man of God needs to expose, rebuke, and have no fellowship with the disobedient (Ephesians 5:11). In 2

Corinthians 10:6 the scriptures say that in order for the man of God to fulfill obedience, he must punish disobedience.

The Bible gives a clear pattern for how the man of God must be in 2 Timothy 4:5. There it says he must be watchful, enduring, evangelistic, and fulfill the ministry. God commands and expects obedience from His people so that they might do the things necessary to be called men of God. All Christians should strive to be like the faithful man of God seen here. If all of God's own people would pattern their lives after this verse, then as 2 Timothy 4:8 shows there is laid up for them a crown of righteousness.