

FAMILY SECRETS (CONT'D)
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**HOW TO BECOME ONE IN A MARRIAGE WITHOUT SACRIFICING
YOUR INDIVIDUALITY**

1. Know what you want before the marriage and make it plain to the other party.
2. Know what the other party wants in the marriage, and be honest in the beginning as to whether or not you're going to be able to give it to him or her.
3. Have your own goals and aspirations and strive to achieve them.
4. Don't feel as if the two of you always have to agree on everything.
5. Understand the difference between self-sacrifices and losing yourself in the marriage.
6. Develop the type of relationship with your partner in private that allows the two of you to be brutally honest with each other regarding controversial issues.
7. Learn the importance of living life instead of allowing life to live you...and enjoy living life together.
8. Take time to evaluate yourself, and make room in the marriage and in yourself for future growth.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN

When I refer to the term, "virtuous woman," I am referring to a woman who is married. These virtues are a manifestation of her struggles and the qualities that come out of them.

REMINDER: Bishop, don't forget the Q's and A's

Sample Questions:

- Bishop, I try hard to be a good mother and wife, but I often feel like I'm not meeting up to the expectations of my family. What can I do?
- (More Relationship Questions Attached)

Proverbs 31

1. She clothes her family
2. She builds great relationships
3. She is a buyer of seemingly barren land; she has a green thumb

4. She is not easily tempted, which gives her the ability to do business w/ integrity; her product is good, which creates a great demand; so she receives calls both day and night; she teaches what she has learned
5. She has ability to see amidst the storm
6. She is a sophisticated dresser...a classy woman
7. She represents her husband well and the elders respect her
8. She is a role model to the elders' wives
9. She is respected by the women of the city and hailed as the model wife...one to seek for advice
10. She trains women to be soft-spoken
11. She doesn't worry about what others have; she teaches her children to be grateful for what they have
12. She receives praise from her husband and children... "mom can do anything."
13. You're the teacher of excellence
14. Her devotion to God gets His attention

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD MAN

1. [Proverbs 12:2](#)
A good man obtaineth favour of the LORD: but a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
 - FAVOR: token of loyalty; something given or worn as a token of love, allegiance, or good will.
 - A good man treats others with fairness
2. [Proverbs 13:22](#)
A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
 - He thinks ahead rather than just living for the moment. He cares about the future wellbeing of his family.
3. [Proverbs 14:14](#)
The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.
 - ...filled with his own ways, implies "fleshly desires."
 - ...satisfied from himself, implies "a good conscience."
4. [Matthew 12:35](#)
A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
 - Whatever you value the most is the treasure of your heart.

5. [Luke 6:45](#)

*A **good man** out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

- Regardless of how well he tries to hide his ulterior motives, a man with evil intentions will eventually be betrayed by the words of his mouth.

6. [John 7:12](#)

*And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is **a good man**: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people.*

- You can not always tell the makings of a good man or evil man by the accusations that come against him. His works speak for him and the favor of God that is upon his life carries him in the midst of opposition.