## The Character of a Godly Man Charles Stanley

I. Introduction.

A. One of the most desperate needs of our day is godly men.

B. Text: Psalm 1.

C. The foundation of a godly life is our relationship with Jesus Christ.

II. A godly man orders his life after counsel of the godly. (Proverbs 14:13)

A. The godly man knows that when he gets the right kind of advice it will renew and refresh him.

B. A godly man is a man who does not feel self-sufficient. He is not too proud to ask for advice.

C. A godly man wants to grow and succeed in this life.

D. It is not wise to go to the ungodly for advice when the ungodly have left God out of their lives.

III. A godly man seeks companionship with fellow believers, not the lost.

A. This does not mean that a godly man cannot have friends from among the lost.

B. This means that the deepest companionship should come from those who have a positive influence.

C. The godly man is going to seek relationships with another godly man.

IV. A godly man courageously joins himself with those who are committed to defending the truth. A godly man is not passive.

V. A godly man gets more encouragement and help from meditating on the Word of God and all the other help that is out there.

A. The godly man wants to know the Scriptures.

B. The Word of God is more important than food.

C. Meditating on the word of God means that it becomes a part of the person. (Joshua 1)

D. If a person meditates on the Word of God, he will be successful.

E. What God says He will do, He will do.

VI. The godly man will successfully stand the storms of life.

A. The reason is that a man is as a tree firmly planted. A godly man is rooted in Christ.

B. The godly man is interested in the quality of fruits that he bears. The godly man is a patient man. He bears his fruit in season.

C. The godly man is not just interested in living he is interested in investing.

D. He honors God by obeying Him. God honors him by prospering him in whatever he does.

VII. The godly man is a contented man.

A. He has learned the key: establish roots in Christ Jesus.

B. He has learned not to be harassed by the circumstances of life.

C. He has learned a simple phrase: "through Christ I can."

D. He has learned to bring to God all the circumstances of his life.

E. The godly man is a happy man.

F. The godly man can be spotted by an inner quietness.

G. The godly man is contented because he has placed all trust in God.

VIII. What it takes to be a godly man.

A. Trust in Christ.

B. Asking the Lord for forgiveness in prayer and humility.

C. Asking for forgiveness from your family.

## **Application questions:**

1. Which of the characteristics of the godly man stand out to you? What strikes you about it?

2. What does it look like to be content? Explain.

3. Which of the characteristics of the godly man will you work on this week? How can you grow in this area in a provable and practical way?