

A Man among Men, Boys & Poodles

He doesn't have the armor like
The movie heroes do,
His strength comes from the inside,ⁱ
His grit and courage too.ⁱⁱ

For he leans on Omnipotence
To be what he should be,ⁱⁱⁱ
Through trusting and obedience,
He's like a mighty tree.^{iv}

He serves the Lord, he knows the plan,
He's ready for the fight,^v
And with the Holy Spirit's help,
He'll not succumb to flight.^{vi}

He knows life is a battlefield,
Where Satan seeks his prey^{vii} –
The foolish^{viii} and the immature,^{ix}
Who think they're here play.

So he will not be caught off guard,^x
A holy life he lives,^{xi}
For God and for his family,
His best, he always gives.^{xii}

In God he is content,^{xiii} he won't
Complain about his life,^{xiv}
But boldly leads his family –
His children and his wife –^{xv}

To love the Lord, to serve Him well,^{xvi}
To be what they should be,^{xvii}
To firmly fix their eyes and hearts
Upon eternity.^{xviii}

And 'love,' oh yes, he's got it right,
He's learned it from the Best,^{xix}
Who tells us to put others first,^{xx}
So everyone is blessed.

He is patient, kind and gentle,^{xxi}
Always willing to forgive,^{xxii}
Says he's sorry when in error,^{xxiii}
For confident, he lives,

And seeks to understand his wife,
The differences God made,
So, as they've encountered problems,
Quite quickly, he has prayed.

For he views her as a treasure,^{xxiv}
An heir with him in life,^{xxv}
Puts her needs above his own, thus,^{xxvi}
Their home's not filled with strife.

And faithful, he will always be,^{xxvii}
He'll never break her heart,
Or devastate their children,
Or tear their home apart.

From God, he gets this wisdom,^{xxviii}
Knows when to turn and run,^{xxix}
He's not like the fools who strut
In front of Satan's gun,^{xxx}

Who brag about the girls they have^{xxxi}
Like it's a splendid feat,
When really that's no different than
The poodle down the street.

And he disciplines his children, yes,^{xxxii}
He loves and leads them well,^{xxxiii}
And teaches them to follow God,^{xxxiv}
So they won't burn in Hell.^{xxxv}

He gives his time, he gives his best
To bless the younger heart,
And from the plan God has for them,^{xxxvi}
He prays they'll never part.

And he is their protection,
The sentry on the wall,
Shielding them from influences^{xxxvii}
That'll hurt or make them fall.

And he works hard where he's employed,
He does his job quite well,^{xxxviii}
Yet, home and work priorities
Are balanced on the scale.

Yes, he protects and he provides,
All that his family needs,^{xxxix}
And calling on the Father's help,
Successfully he leads.^{xl}

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ⁱ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4

ⁱⁱ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

ⁱⁱⁱ I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

^{iv} The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:12-13

^v For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

^{vi} Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground . . . Ephesians 6:13

^{vii} Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

^{viii} For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; Proverbs 1:32

^{ix} When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 1 Corinthians 13:11

^x . . . in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11

^{xi} But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy. 1 Peter 1:15-16

^{xii} Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Colossians 3:23-24

^{xiii} I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. Philippians 4:11

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^{xiv} Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe. Philippians 2:14-15

^{xv} For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:23-24

^{xvi} But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15

^{xvii} Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:18-19

^{xviii} Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:1-2

^{xix} Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

^{xx} Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave--just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:26-28

^{xxi} Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not selfseeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres! Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

^{xxii} Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13

^{xxiii} Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8

^{xxiv} He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD. Proverbs 18:22

^{xxv} Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7

^{xxvi} Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy . . . Ephesians 5:25-30

^{xxvii} Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

^{xxviii} If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5

^{xxix} And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

^{xxx} For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. Proverbs 5:3-5

^{xxxi} But the . . . sexually immoral . . . their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death. Revelation 21:8

^{xxxii} He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him. Proverbs 13:24

^{xxxiii} Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

^{xxxiv} Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; . . . Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:18,19

^{xxxv} Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die. Punish him with the rod and save his soul from death. Proverbs 23:13,14

^{xxxvi} For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

^{xxxvii} Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 / Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. Philippians 4:8

^{xxxviii} Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. Colossians 3:23-24

^{xxxix} If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 1 Timothy 5:8

^{xl} I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13