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| #1 He Fears The LORD  **He loves God so much** he would never do anything to displease or disappoint him.  **He rejects the things of the world**, and pursues the presence of God.  Worldly enticements don’t attract him, he rejects them.     **His Best friends are Godly** – You can tell a man by his friends.  They point him to Godliness not to wickedness.  They give Godly counsel.  And they always speak life and unity over your relationship, they do not sow seeds of discord or divorce.  Remember these are the people that will have influence in your marriage!  **He is submissive** to God, to his parents, and those in authority.  He is humble.  He prefers and honors others.  **He is completely honest**, and quick to repent.  The Holy Spirit’s conviction moves him quickly.    #2 He is an Obeyer **–** Full of The Spirit (and the Number One Counselor & Godly Influence in your life).  **He is growing daily in letting God make his time, thought and money decisions**.  He leads you by example to do the same, walking daily with you.  **He is full of the Holy Spirit**.  Gentleness and wisdom flow from him to you and others.  God uses him to confirm his leading in your life, and at times to gently challenge you to reconsider if your perspective is not Godly.  He is the Spiritual Leader in your relationship.   **You are more Godly** and more obedient to God **because of his** daily influence in your life.  You are a better person with him, than without him.  He doesn’t keep you from what God is calling you to do, He propels you in it!  He fills your gaps, you fill his.   #3 He’s a Worker   **He’s diligent.**  There is not a lazy bone in his body.   **He works tirelessly,** whether for income, at his schoolwork or skill, helping his parents or others, working to help you, to ease your burden, and help you with your responsibilities.   **He not only works hard**, he sees what needs to be done and does it. |

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| #4 He Lays Down His life For You  **He has committed his life to love, honor and cherish you and demonstrates it daily.**He encourages your growth in every way.  He is your biggest fan and cheerleader.  He believes in you!!  **He prays for you**.  His love for you and God’s love for you overflow through his prayers.  He seeks God on your behalf, interceding for you.  He is always asking God to show him how to love you and honor and cherish you.  Prayer is his way of life.  He always checks with God first, and constantly depends on God for wisdom, revelation and specific direction.  He often prays for you, about you, with you, and over you.  He is quick to pray for others.  God speaks through him to build you up and others around him.  (“You can tell your husband, by how he prays for you, that’s how I knew that ‘George’ wasn’t the one.” - quote from a Godly young lady).  You learn the heart of a man, not by what they say, but by how they pray.    **He chooses you over all other people or activities.** When he goes somewhere, he wants to be with you.  He never wants to be apart from you, he chooses you over anybody.  If it comes to hanging with the guys or you, he chooses you.   Not that he doesn’t invest time as God leads in male friendships, but you are always his priority.    **He’s not only in love with you, he chooses to love you and lay down his life for you daily.** He has made the choice to love.  He actively loves you in all five love languages.  He listens, he is kind, patient, loving, gentle.  He treats you with honor and respect.  Any guy can hold the door for you, but He seeks God daily on how to love you better, to demonstrate his love for you in ways that you will understand.      **He shares everything in life with you first**.  You are always the first to know, and there is nothing about his life that you do not know.  He keeps nothing hidden.  He seeks and honors your counsel.  He is willing to submit His life to God and you, because He trusts God in you.  He doesn’t make decisions on his own, but always seeks God with you regarding personal decisions in life or decisions that affect both of you.  (#4 He lays down his life for you)   #5 You can talk about anything  **You can talk for hours.** You never run out of things to say.   **You never get tired of being together**.  You would rather be with each other than with anyone else.  And you can talk all day, or all night long.  It’s just easy.   (#5 You can talk about anything) |

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| #6  He is your heart's desire  **He makes your heart beat a little faster** every time you see him.  You find yourself wanting to look beautiful for him.  There is a mutual sexual attraction, he’s definitely not just a friend.  He is the desire of not only your heart and emotions but your body also.  There are times you can’t wait for your honeymoon.  (But, this is not a focus for you.  In fact you both choose to honor God by not dwelling on this at all.  This is for the future, not right now).  All sexual activity you reserve for marriage alone, not before, to honor God, your marriage and each other.  He leads you in your mutual commitment to purity before marriage, by setting and honoring physical boundaries, and avoiding situations that could lead to temptation.  But if He doesn’t make your heart race a little, He’s probably not the one.  #7  He is completely loyal.  He protects you.    **You are his number one priority of time and attention**. He never chooses other friends or activities ahead of you.   **He Protects you**.  He defends you and stands up for you.  Not just guarding you against physical danger but emotional danger also.   He never makes fun of you in front of others; never makes a joke at your expense.  Instead he redirects any and every conversation that would cause you discomfort, embarrassment or hurt feelings.    **He does not allow any of his friends to speak negatively about you or your relationship**.  He **guards what counsel he allows** into his mind and heart.  He protects your reputation. He defends your honor.  He constantly tells others what a woman of God you are, and what a gift from God, and how much He appreciates the things you do and who you are.  He tells others constantly about how beautiful, and talented and caring you are, that his life would be nothing without you.  His friends wish that they had a wife like you and are praying that God will bring them one.  He is training them to love their wives as they watch him honor you in every way.  **He desires to live life daily with you**, whether you are together or apart.  He seeks God together with you for HIS plan for your day and week.  He is committed to spending time with you at every opportunity that God directs.   **When He is apart from you** – He is focused and diligent in pursuing what God is calling him to do, so that you can have more time together.   This could be time just focused on each other, or the work that God is calling you to, or time for ministry to others together.  **He only surrounds himself with friends who speak life and unity in your relationship**, not seeds of discord, doubt and divorce.  They push him to be faithful to you.  If his friends won’t support your relationship, he cuts them off.  He never allows any of his friends to speak badly of you to him or others.   **He is committed to protecting your relationship and marriage from every negative influence**.   He loves you more than his friends, and will reject any influencer who doesn’t encourage his commitment to God and to you. He chooses friends who will help him be faithful to you, and who recognize and support **the priority of your relationship with him - over theirs**. True friends – those you want to have for a lifetime when you are married. |

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| #8 He is completely Faithful.  You fully trust him.    **He is committed to you alone**.  **He forsakes all others.**  **He doesn’t pursue or continue any other female friendships, he discontinues them**.   He guards his eyes and his affections – reserving them for you alone.  He doesn’t send any mixed signals, he never gives any girl the impression that he is attracted to her, or interested in her.  He doesn’t spend any time with guys who are dogs.  He removes himself from all environments where the focus is on the opposite sex.  **He demonstrates Hedges daily with you**.  He demonstrates complete commitment and faithfulness to you.  He has eyes for you only, and he fixes his eyes straight ahead.  Everyone knows he is in a committed relationship.  No one doubts his faithfulness to you.  He is an uncompromising example of a Godly husband who is completely faithful to his wife.  His friends watch him, and are learning how to be a Godly husband, even before you are married.   **He doesn’t go out with his friends like he used to**.   All the single guys that are looking for their next conquest.  He’s not drawn to the ‘action’ but to the LORD’s presence and your company.  His "action" is fulfilling God’s assignment for him today, and spending every moment that he can with you.   He doesn’t need to go out with his friends to have fun, or just relax or blow off steam.  He is content with working as unto the LORD, and wants to invest every minute of non-working time that he can - with you.     (#8 He is completely faithful.  You fully trust him.)    #9 He is Diligent   **He is focused on what God is calling him to do** – He uses morning, afternoon and evening time slots at God’s direction.  He is ready to leave high school life, or college life, to prepare for married life.  It’s a joy for him, not a sacrifice.   **He understands the season**.  He recognizes some seasons are for preparation, and He’s willing to give up leisure to prepare in season.  He is willing to sacrifice in order to prepare for God's plan for his life and yours: to finish College early or however God leads, to work hard, willing to wait for you until you finish, saving money for your future together.  He is willing to work, to sacrifice, to pursue God's calling on His life.  He wants you with him, and is willing to wait or accelerate to be in God's perfect will and timing for your life together and marriage.  **He not only works hard, but he works hard at the times God directs**.  He sees needs and fills them, but also only at God’s direction.  **He understands sacrifice**.  He is willing to give up the lesser, to gain the greater.  He is committed to preparing for a life of marriage, and the joint calling that God has for both of you.  (#9 He is diligent) |

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| #10  He doesn’t love money, he just obeys with it.    **He is not money motivated.** He works as unto the LORD, trusting God to provide.  He knows that He is not the provider of his family - only God is.  He works for the LORD, and knows that God brings all supply, and that His family’s provision has **nothing to do with his skill or ability** and that God’s supply is not limited to his paycheck.   **He is content with what God provides.** God and you are enough for him.  If you are with him, he’s happy with dollar menu.  He doesn’t need toys to prove his manhood, he doesn’t need the best clothes to feel attractive.   His presence is powerful, people notice him because of the Spirit of God that rests on him, not the shoes or clothes he wears, the car he drives or the house he lives in.      **He rejects debt, because he refuses to bring a curse on his family.** He is not greedy, and does not need to keep up with the Jones's.  He doesn’t measure success by the neighborhood you live in, but by his obedience to Christ, and his laying down his life for you.   He will not bring a curse on his family just to have use of something that God has not provided the money for yet.  He trusts God to bring better in his perfect time.  He pays with cash, and refuses to allow the pressure of debt to crush his marriage and enslave his family.  He wants God’s best, and believes in giving, not borrowing.   **He’s a giver**.   He trusts God provide for your needs, and provide extra to share with others.  He believes God’s promise to provide seed to the sower and bread to the eater.  If God brings wealth, it is to redistribute at His direction, to grow in the grace of giving, not to grow in lifestyle.   **He is committed to seeking God together with you on money decisions**: giving, saving and spending, only directing money as God reveals to both of you together.   When God tells you to spend, you can obey thankfully without feeling guilty, he’s not a cheapskate.  When God tells you to save, you do it obediently, when God tells you to give, you give cheerfully as God directs.  If there is no unity, he is willing to wait on God.     **He does not overwork to get rich,** and he will not force you to work to maintain a lifestyle, if God is calling you to stay at home for a season to raise a family.  He is willing to do without, so that you and your children can have.   He won’t use gifts to replace his investing time in his family.   **He is a steady plodder at work, and at saving**.   He follows God’s principles of saving for the future, and doesn’t spend whatever he gets.  He also recognizes that God is the owner of even your entire savings and holds on loosely, willing to let God direct however he chooses.  (#10 He doesn't love money, he just obeys with it.)  #11 He points people to Jesus.    **The anointing of God is on his life.** You can sense it just by being around him.  Others can too. |

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| **He makes Disciples - obeyers.  He is a great influencer, always pointing people to God’s Way vs. man’s way**, to pursue the presence of the LORD, and to fully obey what God has for them each day.  **He stands for God’s truth**, speaks the truth in love, provokes others to love and good works.  **He is soaked in the Word and in God’s presence**, he has a heart of praise, and he is known for his Godly counsel.  **His life is an example of separation from the world**, but loving people in the world.  (#11 He Points People To Jesus)    These are the **Eleven Things you need in a Husband:**  1 He Fears God 2 He's an Obeyer - Full of the Spirit 3 He's a Worker 4 He lays down his life for you 5 You can talk about anything 6 He's your heart's desire 7 He is completely loyal,  he protects you 8 He is completely faithful, you trust him 9 He is diligent 10 He doesn't love money,  He just obeys with it 11 He points people to Jesus  Woman of God -  if you will seek the LORD with all your heart - more than you seek a husband; if you will delight yourself in Him, and let God make you into the woman He wants you to be, (and the woman that this man needs);  God will surely in his perfect time bring you along the path of the man of God that you have been created to complete, and who has been created to complete you.  God will grow you together and fulfill the purpose He has for both of you.  Together, you will reflect Jesus to the world, so the world can be drawn to Jesus. |

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