

“Blameless”  
Job 1:8; 2:3

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It is very interesting to note that Job 1:8 and Job 2:3 are identical in their writing:

- I. **Notice, each time The LORD addresses Satan, He calls Job, “My servant” – This is the kind of relationship every Christian should have with The LORD –**
  - a. Rejoiceful
  - b. Respectful
  - c. Reliance – He will come through
  
- II. **God knew that Job was going to be tested and He knew how Job would do in the testing:**
  - a. Nothing is hidden from God – He sees all
  - b. Nothing can hinder God – His progress cannot be interfered with
  - c. Nothing can hamper God – His movement cannot be impeded
  
- III. **We oftentimes say that God is testing me to see how I would respond:**
  - a. Wrong – He already knows how we will respond
  - b. The testing is for us
  - c. The testing is for us to know where we are spiritually (mature)
  
- IV. **Too many of us make the same mistakes Job friends made:**
  - a. We assume that people are suffering because of some sin in their lives – (Sometimes this is true but in Job’s case, it was caused by divine purposes unknown to Job’s friends)
  - b. We act without having the authority to do so
  - c. We accuse without having adequate information - (we “jump” to conclusions)
  
- V. **Not only do friends sometimes do not encourage us but those closest to us do not understand:**
  - a. Job’s wife was of no help to him
  - b. She challenged him to let go of his integrity
  - c. She told her husband to curse God and die
  
- VI. **So, how do you remain blameless in the midst of false accusations, suffering, and testing? You must do what God reminds us of what He said about Job:**
  - a. You must be willing to be that person who “there is no one on earth like him.”
    1. Be yourself – Job 1:8

2. God knows our frame – Psalm 103:14 – “...we are but dust.”
- b. Be a blameless person – not perfect but blameless in the sense that we should have a spotless character and a blameless reputation.
  1. II Peter 3:14 – “..., be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,”
- c. Be an upright person – adhering to Biblical principles and applying them to your life daily – Romans 12:1-2
- d. Fearing God – respectful reverence for God; the fear of the Lord is a state of mind in which one’s own attitudes, will, emotions, service, and goals are exchanged for God’s –  
Psalm 42:1 – “As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God.”
- e. Turning away from evil – to respect what is proper and honest and have the right attitude when in the presence of others, especially around those who are not Christians – Romans 12:18-19
- f. Hold fast to your integrity (honesty) – telling the truth; no deception; truthfulness – Psalm 15:1-2

The above characteristics are what God used to describe Job to Satan and because of these characteristics, God said to Satan, “Have you considered My servant Job?”

The influence of God in Job’s life was so great that He could declare, “..., Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away, Blessed be the name of the LORD.” Job 1:21 (NAS)