

Actions of Man¹

❖ Setting standards for self and others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Judging others' actions and attitudes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Seeking revenge	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Trying to be in control	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Doing as one pleases	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Seeking praise and affirmation from others	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
❖ Living without help or guidance from anyone else	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

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Prerogatives of God

- ❖ **Setting standards for self and others** *Exodus 20:1-17 – The Ten Commandments*
- ❖ **Judging others' actions and attitudes** *James 4:11-12 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?*
- ❖ **Seeking revenge** *Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I will repay evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*
- ❖ **Trying to be in control** *Acts 17:24-28 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'*
- ❖ **Doing as one pleases** *Psalms 135:5-6 For I know that the LORD is great and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.*
- ❖ **Seeking praise and affirmation from others** *John 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.*
- ❖ **Living without help or guidance from anyone else** *Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the lord, or who became his counselor?*

Prerogatives of God Homework Assignment

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth to you as you do this assignment. For each of the following areas with which you identified, answer the following questions:

1. How do you identify with this prerogative of God in your life?
2. What do you learn about God's perspective of this from these verses?
3. How would your life be different if you yielded this area to God?

SETTING STANDARDS FOR SELF AND OTHERS

Exodus 20:1-17 – the ten commandments

Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.

Ezekiel 28:9 "Will you still say, "I am a god," In the presence of your slayer, though you are a man and not God, in the hands of those who wound you?"

JUDGING OTHERS' ACTIONS AND ATTITUDES

James 4:11-12 Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?

Psalms 9:16 The LORD has made Himself known; He has executed judgment. In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared.

Psalms 94:1,2 O LORD, God of vengeance, God of vengeance, shine forth! Rise up, O Judge of the earth, Render recompense to the proud.

SEEKING REVENGE

Deuteronomy 32:35 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; For the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them.'

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Hebrews 10:30-31 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, "I will repay evil"; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you.

Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

Romans 12:17-19 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath *of God*, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Job 31:29-30 "Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, Or exulted when evil befell him? No, I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking for his life in a curse.

TRYING TO BE IN CONTROL

Acts 17:24-28 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

Job 12:13-25 "With Him are wisdom and might; To Him belong counsel and understanding. Behold, He tears down, and it cannot be rebuilt; He imprisons a man, and there can be no release. Behold, He restrains the waters, and they dry up; And He sends them out, and they inundate the earth. With Him are strength and sound wisdom, the misled and the misleader belong to Him. He makes counselors walk barefoot and makes fools of judges. He loosens the bond of kings and binds their loins with a girdle. He makes priests walk barefoot and overthrows the secure ones. He deprives the trusted ones of speech and takes away the discernment of the elders. He pours contempt on nobles and loosens the belt of the strong. He reveals mysteries from the darkness and brings the deep darkness into light. He makes the nations great, then destroys them; He enlarges the nations, then leads them away. He deprives of intelligence the chiefs of the earth's people and makes them wander in a pathless waste. They grope in darkness with no light, and He makes them stagger like a drunken man.

1Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD which he did not keep; and also because he asked counsel of a medium, making inquiry of it,

1Chronicles 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

Job 1:12 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.

Psalms 115:3 But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

Proverbs 21:1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

DOING AS ONE PLEASES

Daniel 4:35 "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And among the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'

Psalms 135:5-6 For I know that the LORD is great and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, He does, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

SEEKING PRAISE AND AFFIRMATION FROM OTHERS

John 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

Isaiah 42:8 "I am the LORD, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.

Matthew 6:2 "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

LIVING WITHOUT HELP OR GUIDANCE FROM ANYONE ELSE

Romans 11:33-34 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

Isaiah 40:13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has informed Him?