

# Matthew 1:18-25

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**Imagine you have a young son or daughter that you love very much but--you're not going to be able to raise them; however, you get to choose who will raise them. *Who would you choose?***

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## Four Characteristics That God Values In Everyone

### **1. God values purity.**

**1 Tim. 5:22** - "Don't share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure." (1 Tim. 5:22)

**Genesis 2:24** - Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

**Matthew 19:6** - "Therefore what God has joined together let no one separate."

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### **2. God values unselfishness.**

**Luke 1** - God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, to a virgin named Mary... The angel said to her, "You'll conceive and give birth to a Son, and call him Jesus..." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I'm a virgin?" The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God."

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**1 Cor. 10:24** - Let no one seek his own, but *let each one seek the other's well-being.*

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### **3. God values a submissive spirit.**

Ken Barun's testimony gives us an example of this:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8hlGP7nw88&list=PLXiBkdTbRi-wmDEU85JJcZbqDw8RoOxOc&index=67> (0-7:36)

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### **4. God values courage.**

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