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## 15 + 15: THE ATTRIBUTES OF EXCEPTIONAL MEN

## An Exceptional Man Possesses...

- 1. A consciousness with ideals higher than himself.
- 2. A confidence in who he is as a man without outside validation.
- 3. An earned competence with skills that help him excel in his career.
- 4. Family (a respectful wife, a healthy home, and obedient children).
- 5. Unwavering loyalty to self rooted in discipline and focus.
- 6. A purpose-driven life defined by a sense of achievement and growth.
- 7. Emotional Intelligence that keeps him out of unproductive situations.
- 8. A spiritual connection to a Higher Power that gives internal strength.
- 9. A deep commitment to the development of his mind, body, and soul.
- 10. Acceptance of help and joyfully offering his talents to help others.
- 11. Accountable relationships knowing that iron sharpens steel.
- 12. A non-conforming spirit to stereotypical masculinity and its trends.
- 13. A covenant to care for and treat his body as a Temple avoiding abuse.
- 14. A dedication to love himself unconditionally without concession.
- 15. A promise to put his mask on first before sacrificing himself for others.

## An Exceptional Man Avoids...

- 1. Conforming to traditional (often stereotypical) expectations of manhood.
- 2. Duplicating the mannerisms and thought processes of women.
- 3. Accepting cowardice in situations when his presence needs to be felt.
- 4. Operating in any way that diminishes respect for himself.
- 5. Being an undisciplined man who is easily triggered and controlled.
- 6. Wavering in your mindset regularly and possessing movable core values.
- 7. Maintaining a demeanor of inefficient and unfocused behaviors.
- 8. Navigating life without a commitment to creating a legacy and family.
- 9. Allowing negativity to dominate your perspective towards growth.
- 10. Sustaining a lack of trustworthiness that disrupts purposeful action.
- 11. Shifting blame to others, never taking responsibility for his actions.
- 12. Not willing to learn new things and grow into a better person every day
- 13. Prioritizing pleasure above the needs of community, family, and self.
- 14. Depending on others to meet your needs and an overreliance on them.
- 15. Misrepresenting your words and an inability to communicate honestly.