A Gentleman

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It has been stated by many women in my family that good men are hard to find. Sadly, I agree that this generation of men seems to be a little lost. Our young men today do not respect themselves. Therefore, it is impossible for them to respect or be a gentleman to someone else. A gentleman is someone who is selfless, is a great listener, and fears God.

A real gentleman is selfless. Years ago riding Marta, men happily gave their seats up to women or elderly people needing to sit down. It was also common for men to open doors and allow women to enter a building first. I asked a young man once, “Why didn’t you open the door for that young lady?” His reply was, “We ain’t together.” I was sorely grieved for our young people. Many of our young are deceived and only do kind acts with the expectation of receiving some sort of instant gratification. Behavior like that is actually selfish and not selfless. A selfless man thinks of others first. A selfless man will be kind and perform acts of kindness without any expectation of a return from anyone. A gentleman always thinks of others first.

Another attribute of a gentleman is that he is a good listener. I’ve watched many of my younger female cousins interact with their male companions. Sadly, most of their arguments are caused because the men ignored them during some type of conversation or situation. My grandmother taught me that a good man always listens to his woman. This does not mean that he does everything she says to do. It means he focuses his attention on her and carefully listens to her conversation. Many of our young men are rude because they don’t want to take the time to listen. A good man will always listen first before he speaks.

Most importantly, a gentleman must be God fearing. Every attribute or character needed to be a gentleman is in a man loving God first. If he loves God, then he will love himself. If a man knows how to love himself, then he understands how to love his neighbor as himself. I recently just got married. The Lord admonished me one day by saying to me, “I open doors for you daily. Why have you stopped opening them for your wife?” Twice God spoke these words to my heart, and I have made
an absolute effort to open doors for my wife. God opened the door of her heart for me to be her husband. A man’s love for God will always reflect in his love toward others.

Are you looking for a good gentleman? Don’t look so hard. A man who loves God will always find the woman created for him. He will be selfless and a great listener. Good men are still out there.

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Why I Like This Essay: This is an exemplary ENGL 0098 essay because it demonstrates mastery of the traditional essay format as it provides a fresh, interesting approach to the topic to which any reader can relate. Tywuante appropriately turns the rather stale topic about describing a gentleman into one that meets the assignment while addressing the burning question on so many women’s minds: “How do I find a good man?” Tywuante provides honest, useful relationship advice based on his own experiences that can benefit both men and women who are in a relationship or hope to find one. Tywuante is a model student, and I think it is fabulous that, through this essay, he emerges as a role model for his peers as both a writer and a gentleman.

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