

# Marks of a Man # 6

**KJV: Given to hospitality; All others: Hospitable Area: Strangers**

Definition: Affectionate attitude of, and treatment of strangers

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9

Bible Usage: to open the heart, home and available funds to strangers in need. This is to be aggressively pursued, Rom:12:13; and never done with a bad attitude toward doing it, 1 Pet. 4:9. Don't forget the angels, Heb. 13:2.

Proverbs: 21:29; 11:24-25; 13:7

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## Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - see this as a necessary mark of character for leadership
2. **Conscience** - pay close attention
3. **Heart** - learn, memorize and meditate on the above verses
4. **Frame** - establish my principles and goals to practice this Mark
5. **Will** - make all decisions in view of my principles and goals
6. **Emotions** - enjoy being a blessing to strangers

## Resolved:

To show friendly affection to all strangers, helping where I can, as much as I can, and doing it all as unto Christ.

## Essay:

**Source of Lack:** A flagrant lack of understanding of, and rejection of the Sixth Commandment, resulting in no regard for strangers in need, and certainly not affectionate towards them. This would indicate a deep lack of empathy in the soul.

**Problem:** Total violation of Matthew 25:31-46; rejecting **the least of these**, Matt. 25:25:45; the very ones Jesus accepts; and missing **angels unawares**, Heb. 13:2. This results in a cold, unfriendly "in-grown" life, and thus church.

**Solution:** Understanding of, and obedience to the Sixth Commandment with a good attitude, and having the **Mind of Christ**, which specializes in the stranger in need, Phil. 2:5-9.

**Avoidance:** Deliberately and aggressively examine my life for involvement with the stranger in need surrounding me. I can see ministry in places of need, such as Nursing Homes, Shelters, Rescue Missions and Prisons. It needs to be seen that a church leader who is not aggressively friendly and helpful in this way, is not qualified for local church leadership. Along with the entire 25th chapter of Matthew, this is NOT having our social circle over for dinner, or all going out to eat together. While certainly nothing is wrong with that, it has nothing to do with this Mark.

