

# MARKS OF A MAN # 1

*KJV: Blameless; NKJV: Blameless; All others: Above Reproach*

**Area:** Compromise \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: without legitimate charge or accusation

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2, 10; 5:7; 6:14; Titus 1:6,7

Bible Usage: no legitimate, unsolved accusation, that would disqualify me for leadership within the local church.

Proverbs: 3:35; 4:1-13;

10:7 \_\_\_\_\_

## Functioning in my soul:

1. Mind - I perceive the necessity of a spotless testimony
2. Conscience - I am not aware of any unresolved accusation
3. Heart - I learn and meditate regularly on every Mark
4. Frame - I internalize the entire list
5. Will - All choices made in view of list
6. Emotions - No disquieting feeling disrupting my peace

## Resolution:

***To allow no compromise in my own life as to any of the Marks, and to reject ordaining any prospective leader with any perceived compromise in his life.***

## Essay:

**Source of problem:** I'd say this comes from a wishy-washy mind-set, not bathed in the 10 Commandments, and the 24 Marks. It also may come from the age-old, "this is the best we can get" viewpoint. I can also see that it may come from partiality and prejudice, 1 Tim. 5:21-22.

**Problem created:** Unqualified leadership. Like a ship with an unresolved leak, it will always eventually go down. The flock will be taught that incompetent and unqualified leaders are okay for church leadership. One might say that a telescope is for long-term vision, and the 24 Marks are more like a microscope. It looks for the one small flaw that will destroy.

**Solution:** I'd say first, a willingness to be very unpopular. Second, I'd say a total mastering of the 24 Marks. Third, I'd say, a commitment to judge myself, and all prospective leaders with integrity, 1 Tim. 5:21-22.

**Avoidance:** Resisting the pressure to ordain quickly, even if that means a long time before ordaining. Those whose "frame" is influenced much by the Satanic world system will want to "get on with it," and ignore 1 Tim. 5:21-22. The Body of Christ in our culture is "riddled," full of holes, in the form of fallen leaders to various scandals. The design of God's Word is to detect these flaws, and hopefully correct them, before leadership is assumed.

