

## Marks of a Man # 10

*KJV: not greedy of filthy lucre; NKJV: not greedy for money*

### **Area: Gain**

Definition: serving and striving for dishonest gain

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 3:3,8; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2

Bible Usage: this person sees the ministry as a means for financial gain, and is willing to engage in dishonest behavior to get that gain.

Proverbs: 1:10-19; 10:2; 11:1,18; 12:11,12;  
13:11;15:27;16:8;20:10,17;28;8;\_\_\_\_\_

### **Functioning in my Soul:**

1. **Mind** - I perceive ministry as a calling, not a means of gain
2. **Conscience** - I am clear on my motives and practices in this area
3. **Heart** - I develop genuine passion for Pastoral Ministry
4. **Frame** - this ministry is clearly defined with principles and goals
5. **Will** - no decision made outside of a clear Frame
6. **Emotions** - passion and joy in ministry

### **Resolved:**

***To reject questionable financial means of gain from Pastoral Ministry, regardless of the need or the opportunity.***

### **Essay:**

**Source of Problem:** in a word, money. Add to that, in this instance, a person seeing the Pastoral Ministry of attaining their ends, dishonest gain. Churches and other Ministries may add to this problem by simply appealing to a man's willingness to join them for money. This person would be hiding the fact that he is only in it for the money.

**Problem:** you have a "hireling," as Jesus described in John 10:12-13. They profess to be a God-called Pastor, but in reality, it is only about the money, making him "greedy of filthy lucre."

**Solution:** Not so easy, as the giving of the Church may be the only thing between the Pastor and poverty. Extreme care will have to be taken to discern both for the Pastor himself, and the Church, what his motives are. It might be noted that one solution may be that the Pastor is bi-vocational, as Paul many times, was.

**Avoidance:** not entering a Ministry where finances are an issue, and, unstable.

