

## Marks of a Man # 12

*KJV: Not a brawler; NASB:Peaceable; NKJV, ESV, NIV: Not quarrelsome*

### Area: Opposition

Definition: not to be withstood, fighting to the end, a war that always has to be won

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:24

Bible Usage: Here we forbidden to argue, with the intent of winning the argument. This is a negative character trait, stemming likely from insecurity of one's position, or arrogant insistence on being right, where one is almost incapable of backing down long enough to consider the other's point of view.

Proverbs: 2:1-5; 3:30; 13:10; 17:19; 18:6; 20:3; 25:8;

### Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - I perceive one of these altercations coming
2. **Conscience** - I reject them past, present and future
3. **Heart** - I master the truth of not having to win an argument
4. **Frame** - I carefully establish principles and formulate goals to stay out of this problem
5. **Will** - I am quick to decisively disengage when suspecting a battle
6. **Emotions** - I enjoy the blessing of not having made a fool of myself

### Resolved:

***To reject, when entering any conversation or debate, the feeling that I have to win. Resolved to back off!***

### Essay:

**Source of Problem:** I'd say insecurity is the main source, with pride following close behind. I say insecurity, as this man is already weak in the depths of his soul. He feels that, to be disagreed with, and even lose his point, is an attack on his manhood. Insecurity may come from having already abdicated his leadership in other areas, such as the home, and pride may come from the inability to think that he may be wrong.

**Problem:** No leadership, no growth, no disciple-making. This is true because deep relationships are needed for all of the above, and men with this flaw in their character never make any but surface relationships.

**Solution:** Maybe no immediate solution, except, not making this man an Elder. Proving becomes especially important here as all prospective Elders need to be observed and examined when disagreed with.

**Avoidance:** the entire study of Nouthetic Counselling, with a grasp of the Book of Proverbs would keep this from destroying a church and ministry.

