

## Marks of a Man # 15

*KJV, NKJV: Not a novice; ESV, NIV: Not a recent convert; NASB: Not a new convert*

**Area: Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: Not a new, inexperienced believer

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:6

Bible Usage: The word coming from the idea of a new planted tree, refers to a relatively new believer, pointing obviously to their inexperience. Position, acclaim and prestige will cloud the new believer's mind with pride and conceit, causing a destructive fall. We should not do this to them.

Proverbs: 11:2; 13:7; 16:18,19; 18:12; 26:12

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### Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of need and qualifications for experience
2. **Conscience** - No knowledge of compromising need for experience
3. **Heart** - A depth of understanding of all the issues involved, including experience, doctrine, and these Marks
4. **Frame** - Totally developed principles and goals, based upon all these Marks
5. **Will** - Resolute to make no decisions not clearly in line with every Mark
6. **Emotions** - A rest of soul that is not fighting bad decisions

### Resolved:

***To reject ordaining inexperience no matter how outwardly able, or the supposed need for the person may be.***

### Essay:

**Source of Problem:** First, in our culture as a result of apostasy (Isaiah 3), true Elders are pushed aside, usually their own fault, and young, inexperienced men are put in leadership. This is our cultural norm in many churches. This done, under the guise of attracting the youth, generational transmission of knowledge, wisdom and experience is gone.

**Problem:** Experience is "put out to pasture," youthful inexperience reigns, and the church becomes a "social experiment" rather than that victoriously marching Body of Christ.

**Solution:** Return, return to all Biblical standards and doctrine for leadership. This is going to take a people who want leadership, and will receive it if they have it.

**Avoidance:** Starting from the ground up, celebrate qualified leadership if you have it. Then, trust God to use that leadership to recognize and appoint more leadership if it is there. Be content for the Pastors to "lay hands suddenly on no man," 1 Tim. 5:22.