

Marks of a Man # 16

KJV: A good report; NKJV: Good testimony; NASB, NIV: Good reputation; ESV: Well thought of

Area: Unbelievers

Definition: A commendable report from unbelievers

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:7; see exo, without, 1 Cor. 5:12,13; Col. 4:5-6; 1 Thess 4:12

Bible Usage: The Bible picture of our behavior toward the lost is (1) non-judgmental; (2) wise use of our time with them; (3) graciously speaking the truth; (4) living an honest, honorable life before them.

Proverbs: 10:7 _____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A deep perception of how the lost see us
2. **Conscience** - no unresolved issues, if possible, with any lost person
3. **Heart** - Deep love and concern for the lost
4. **Frame** - Principles and goals of relationship to and evangelism of the lost clearly defined
5. **Will** - All decisions made from the Frame
6. **Emotions** - Comfortable around the lost, showing Christ to them in all things

Resolved:

To live an outwardly commendable life before all unbelievers so as to maximize any opportunity to present Christ.

Essay:

Source of Problem: A severity toward the lost in their sins, being unmindful of the 6th Commandment, and lacking the grace and wisdom to speak grace and truth into their lives. This ruins our chances for the Gospel with a dishonorable testimony.

Problem: No opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission for our Lord Jesus Christ

Solution: Developing through the Word and the Holy Spirit, the love for the lost that God has, seeing every interaction as an opportunity to show Christ, and share the Gospel.

Avoidance: Rejecting the total selfishness of our culture, and realizing that we breath only for the glory of God and the evangelization of the world. Clearly this would be nurturing the eternal mind-set, "making ourselves friends...that will receive us into everlasting habitations," Luke 16:9.

