

Marks of a Man # 19

KJV: Lover of good men; NKJV: Lover of what is good; ESV, NIV: Loves what is good; NASB: Loving what is good

Area: Priorities

Definition: Affectionate to beneficial priorities

Scripture: Titus 1:8; 2 Tim. 3:3

Bible Usage: A clear set of priorities, based on eternal values of God's Word, maintained with passionate affection, for what is most beneficial to spend my life on.

Proverbs: 13:20;14:8,15; 16:3; 17:24;27:12

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Clear perception of need for a prioritized life
2. **Conscience** - No accusing violation of known beneficial priorities
3. **Heart** - All priorities organized around the Great Commission
4. **Frame** - Clear principles and goals for Christ's priorities
5. **Will** - Decisiveness when it comes to priorities
6. **Emotions** - Content with my priorities

Resolved:

To constantly review the priorities of my life and be satisfied that my remaining moments in this life are being spent in the most beneficial way.

Essay:

Source of Problem: The beneficial priorities are pushed aside for those less than most beneficial. This person does not have Biblical priorities that reflect, in a word, The Great Commission. One might say that "good" priorities replace the "best" priorities.

Problem Caused: A life, and false example of the "good" pushing out the "best." God's priorities are replaced by the priorities of culture and the flesh, with the Great Commission being left behind.

Solution: Intense study of, understanding of, and obedience to God's Program for my life, as revealed in His Word.

Avoidance: Having the mind bathed with the Word so that fleshly and cultural priorities do not replace God's priorities. Needless to say, good accountable relationships regularly consulted with will help.