Marks of a Man # 2

KJV: the husband of one wife; ESV, NKJV, NASB: one wife; NIV: faithful to his wife

Area: Women

<u>Definition:</u> a one woman kind of a man; pure Biblical relationships with women <u>Scriptures:</u> 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6; (strong related reference, 1 Corinthians 7) <u>Bible Usage:</u> Biblical relationships with all women, a total respect for, to include: (1) her personhood, being the opposite of "male chauvinism;" (2) her leadership, whoever that may be at the time; and (3) her body, maintaining moral purity in mind and body. Proverbs: 2:16-19; 5; 6:23-35; 7;9:13-18; 23:26-28; Song of Solomon; Ecclesiastes 7:28

Functions of the Soul:

1. **Mind:** Biblical perception of male and female

2. **Conscience:** No known violations in this perception

3. **Heart:** I learn, memorize, and meditate on Scripture

4. **Frame:** In internalize principles, and establish personal goals

5. **Will:** All choices toward women made from an established frame

6. **Emotions:** I enjoy my relationships with women

Resolution:

I am resolved to be morally pure, both in mind and in body, and reject any situation or practice or relationship that may lead me to any form of immorality.

Essay:

Source of Problem: In my view, problems with the opposite sex seems to stem mostly, if not wholly, from early life. Men with issues here may have had a father who lived a sexually perverted life, and/or abused the man's mother. Also, his mother may have been abusive or even sexually perverted. Add to that the culture men are brought in, and the influence of his peers.

<u>Problems caused:</u> "hang ups" in the fleshly nature of a prospective Pastor will "color" his entire ministry, and influence all attitudes in the flock. Incalculable damage has been done to entire churches by creating false attitudes, especially of men toward women, and women on how they are to be treated. This restricts and ruins individual ministries.

Solution: Have the minds thoroughly washed with Scripture, our consciences clear, our hearts learning Biblical attitudes in this area, and our frame developed. "Gluing" one's self to a man whose life demonstrates Godliness in this area is a necessity.

Avoidance: Do not "partner" with others who are experiencing the same failures in this area, and are not resolving them. Internalize such helpful structures in the Frame, such as contained in the acronym CLERGY.