

Marks of a Man # 20

KJV, NKJV, NASB: Just; ESV, NIV: Upright

Area: Integrity

Definition: Right in view of God's standard, and a life that is in line with what one claims and ought to be

Scripture: Titus 1:8; James 5:16

Bible Usage: A visible integrity where one is, as far as can be observed, walking with God, and whose life measures up to all that they claim to be

Proverbs: 3:32,33; 4:18; 10:9,24; 11:3,5,6,20,30,31; 12:5,26; 13:6; 20:7; 24:16;

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of the necessity of spotless integrity
2. **Conscience** - No inner accusations of hypocrisy
3. **Heart** - A constant check of my integrity with the 10 Commandments and all of the Bible
4. **Frame** - Developed principles and goals for a life of integrity
5. **Will** - All decisions made in view of maintaining my integrity
6. **Emotions** - No conflicting emotions concerning any compromise of my integrity

Resolved:

To reject any violation of what I believe to be right for me before God.

Essay:

Source of Problem: Starting with Mark # 1, we have a man willing to compromise his integrity, being controlled by outside interests, and inner weakness.

Problem Caused: Totally unable to lead, because of being so controlled by the above, that Scripture interpretation, and all behavior will be open to compromise. Excuses will be made for violation of any number of the Marks, playing up his positive points, while excusing his compromises. Sad to say, church members may rush to defend this man, as they may be allowing the same compromises in their own life. This would all be done with a perverted application of love and grace.

Solution: Strong, manly, resolute adherence to the 24 Marks, while making no excuses to ourselves or to others for compromising.

Avoidance: We are not looking for men that are "kind of ok." World Changing Leaders are "world changing" primarily because of CHARACTER. Maintenance of character is the essence of integrity, and this Mark.

