

Marks of a Man # 21

All But NASB: Holy; NASB: Devout
Area: Loyalty _____

Definition: Devoutly loyal to God, especially in view of the 10 Commandments.

Scripture: Titus 1:8; 1 Timothy 2:8

Bible Usage: A recognizable, devout, sensitive loyalty to God and His Word above all human priorities and relationships. "The Fear of the Lord" might best express this truth.

Proverbs: 1:7; 9:10; 13:13; 14:2,26,27; 15:33; 19:23; 28:2,5,20,21;

Functioning in my Soul

1. **Mind** - I need a perception of my level of sensitivity to God and His Word
2. **Conscience** - I need a clear conscience of any area of insensitivity
3. **Heart** - I need a heart aflame with intense loyalty to my Lord above all loyalties
4. **Frame** - I need clear principles as to what this Mark means, and constant goals to maintain those priorities
5. **Will** - I need to keep a close watch on all decisions to assure that they support this Mark
6. **Emotions** - I need to make sure that my emotions support, not deny this Mark

Resolved:

To exhibit a loyal sensitivity to God, His Word, and His Will above all other priorities.

Essay:

Source of the Problem: I'd say, a low view of God and His Word.

Problem Caused: Again I'd say, a casual, over familiar approach to God and His Word. God's Absolutes would be almost optional, as well as His Commands. The Great Commission would become the Great Idea, and the 10 Commandments would become the 10 Suggestions.

Solution: Psalms 1:1-3 seems to pretty well do it.

Avoidance: A developed study of "The Fear of the Lord," I think would help us to avoid violation of this Mark.

