

Marks of a Man # 3

KJV: Vigilant NKJV: Temperate NASB: Sober-Minded NIV: Temperate
AREA: Focus

Definition: not “under the influence” of an outside source, e.g. wine

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 2:2; verb: 1 Thess. 5:6,8; 2 Tim. 4:5; 1 :Pet. 2:13; 4:7; 5:8

Bible Usage: an objective, focused, alertness (OFA), where one is not under the influence of (1) lethargy, 1 Thess. 5:6,8; (2) doctrinal compromise, 2 Tim. 4:5; (3) temporal thinking, 1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7; or Satanic pride, 1 Pet. 5:8.

Proverbs: 1:3; 3:5,6; 4:20-27; 11:1; (See 1 Tim. 5:21,22)

Functions of the Soul

1. Mind - a perception of outside influences to my objectivity
2. Conscience - being alert, listening to my conscience for any area of compromise
3. Heart - Learn above 4 areas
4. Frame - Internalize principles & and set goals to observe them
5. Will - Make no decisions “under the influence”
6. Emotions - Ruled over, not ruling

Resolved: to live an objective, focused, alert life, not allowing the distractions of lethargy, doctrinal compromise, temporal thinking or pride destroy my ability to lead.

Essay - to include (1) source of lack; (2) problems produced; (3) solution; (4) avoidance

Source of lack: being under the influence of an outside source, as being under the influence of alcohol. Used, it appears, exclusively of spiritual forces, like the 4 listed above, attempting to destroy my objectivity, focus and alertness.

Problems produced: a compromised mental state, oblivious to the reality of spiritual warfare, and the needs for leadership around me. When looked to for leadership, I would be “under the influence” of any number of outside sources, and worthless to others.

Solution: THE WORD - THE WORD - THE WORD. A daily bathing and nourishing in the Word of God, rejecting laziness, doctrinal compromise, temporal thinking and pride.

Avoidance: strict habits of time in the Word, looking to myself for a life of objectivity, focus and alertness. I would be constantly examining myself to see if my zeal for Christ and His Word has lessened in any way.

