

Marks of a Man # 5

KJV: Of Good Behavior; ESV, NIV, NKJV; NASB: Respectable

Area: Reputation

Definition: Well organized in a respectable way of life

Scriptures: 1 Tim. 2:9; 3:2; Titus 2:8-10; Rev. 21:2

Bible Usage: Having decorum, that is, a respectable, proper way of life in speech, Titus 2:8; behavior, Titus 2:9-10; and appearance, 1 Tim. 2:9; Rev. 21:2; that all makes Biblical truth attractive.

Proverbs: _____

Functions of the Soul:

1. **Mind** - I grasp the concepts and importance of this Mark
2. **Conscience** - I don't fight a guilty conscience in this area
3. **Heart** - I learn the basic three areas, and meditate on them
4. **Frame** - I internalize principles and needed goals of this Mark
5. **Will** - I am careful to make decisions that do not violate this Mark
6. **Emotions** - I can relax and enjoy relationships having practiced this Mark

Resolved:

To present before a watching world a respectable way of life in speech, behavior and appearance that would not distract from the glory of God's Word.

Essay:

Source of Problem: A total disregard for the effect of my life in the above areas on those around me. This would include taking no responsibility for what others think of God from being around me, and certainly no intention of making disciples.

Problem: Any intention to bring glory to God and make disciples is ruined by my reputation.

Solution: Taking full responsibility, regardless of my personal preferences, for the way others, the world around me, sees my behavior, speech, and appearance. These areas would apply to every part of my life.

Avoidance: I reject the Pharisaical motive of, "to be seen of men," Matt. 6:5; and the narcissistic idea where I please no one but myself. But, being Christ's slave alone, Galatians 1:10; and though being free from all men, I enslave myself to them all, that I might gain more, 1 Corinthians 9:19.

