

Marks of a Man # 9

KJV: No Striker; NKJV; ESV; NIV: Not Violent; NASB: Not Pugnacious

Area: Temper

Definition: not violently touchy, combative, ready to fight

Scriptures: 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7

Bible Usage: this is an abuser, a bully, emotionally or physically violent person, when confronted, disagreed with, or upset in any way

Proverbs: 3:3; 10:6,11; 13:10; 15:1,18; 17:14

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Accurate mental picture of an abuser
2. **Conscience** - honest evaluation of myself
3. **Heart** - Scriptures gathered, learned and mastered as to the Mind of Christ
4. **Frame** - clear principles of this behavior and goals to be qualified
5. **Will** - Christ-like decisions made from an accurate Frame
6. **Emotions** - calm assurance that I treat others in a Christ-like manner

Resolved:

To reject any verbal or physical combative abuse toward anyone regardless of their treatment of me, or how they disagree with me.

Essay:

Source of problem: Along with Proverbs 10:6,11; the Hebrew word **rasha**, meaning an agitated state of mind, a not at peace state of the soul, would be the source. Because of that, violent cruelty fills the “hollows” of the mouth, resulting in sudden, abusive speech and behavior. A “button” is pushed, and there are many “buttons.” This agitated state of the soul may be covered up with other good points in the person’s life, causing some to “put up” with abusive behavior.

Problem: Everyone has to “walk on eggshells” around this person, never quite knowing what will “set them off.” Hardly an atmosphere for good leadership.

Solution: No unresolved issues in the leader’s life, which would make them touchy, as described. This would include relationships of constant accountability, where those who are willing to tell you the truth will not abide by this behavior.

Avoidance: Humility, with a continual and honest evaluation of one’s self in view of Romans 12:3; Ephesians 3:8; Proverbs 13:10; Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 5:5-8; Galatians 5:22-23

