

MARKS OF A MAN # 1

KJV: Blameless; NKJV: Blameless; All others: Above Reproach

Area: Compromise _____

Definition: without legitimate charge or accusation

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2, 10; 5:7; 6:14; Titus 1:6,7

Bible Usage: no legitimate, unsolved accusation, that would disqualify me for leadership within the local church.

Proverbs: 3:35; 4:1-13;

10:7 _____

Functioning in my soul:

1. Mind - I perceive the necessity of a spotless testimony
2. Conscience - I am not aware of any unresolved accusation
3. Heart - I learn and meditate regularly on every Mark
4. Frame - I internalize the entire list
5. Will - All choices made in view of list
6. Emotions - No disquieting feeling disrupting my peace

Resolution:

To allow no compromise in my own life as to any of the Marks, and to reject ordaining any prospective leader with any perceived compromise in his life.

Essay:

Source of problem: I'd say this comes from a wishy-washy mind-set, not bathed in the 10 Commandments, and the 24 Marks. It also may come from the age-old, "this is the best we can get" viewpoint. I can also see that it may come from partiality and prejudice, 1 Tim. 5:21-22.

Problem created: Unqualified leadership. Like a ship with an unresolved leak, it will always eventually go down. The flock will be taught that incompetent and unqualified leaders are okay for church leadership. One might say that a telescope is for long-term vision, and the 24 Marks are more like a microscope. It looks for the one small flaw that will destroy.

Solution: I'd say first, a willingness to be very unpopular. Second, I'd say a total mastering of the 24 Marks. Third, I'd say, a commitment to judge myself, and all prospective leaders with integrity, 1 Tim. 5:21-22.

Avoidance: Resisting the pressure to ordain quickly, even if that means a long time before ordaining. Those whose "frame" is influenced much by the Satanic world system will want to "get on with it," and ignore 1 Tim. 5:21-22. The Body of Christ in our culture is "riddled," full of holes, in the form of fallen leaders to various scandals. The design of God's Word is to detect these flaws, and hopefully correct them, before leadership is assumed.

Marks of a Man # 2

KJV: the husband of one wife; ESV, NKJV, NASB: one wife; NIV: faithful to his wife

Area: Women

Definition: a one woman kind of a man; pure Biblical relationships with women

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 3:2; Titus 1:6; (strong related reference, 1 Corinthians 7)

Bible Usage: Biblical relationships with all women, a total respect for, to include: (1) her personhood, being the opposite of “male chauvinism;” (2) her leadership, whoever that may be at the time; and (3) her body, maintaining moral purity in mind and body.

Proverbs: 2:16-19; 5; 6:23-35; 7;9:13-18; 23:26-28; Song of Solomon; Ecclesiastes 7:28

Functions of the Soul:

1. **Mind:** Biblical perception of male and female
2. **Conscience:** No known violations in this perception
3. **Heart:** I learn, memorize, and meditate on Scripture
4. **Frame:** In internalize principles, and establish personal goals
5. **Will:** All choices toward women made from an established frame
6. **Emotions:** I enjoy my relationships with women

Resolution:

I am resolved to be morally pure, both in mind and in body, and reject any situation or practice or relationship that may lead me to any form of immorality.

Essay:

Source of Problem: In my view, problems with the opposite sex seems to stem mostly, if not wholly, from early life. Men with issues here may have had a father who lived a sexually perverted life, and/or abused the man’s mother. Also, his mother may have been abusive or even sexually perverted. Add to that the culture men are brought in, and the influence of his peers.

Problems caused: “hang ups” in the fleshly nature of a prospective Pastor will “color” his entire ministry, and influence all attitudes in the flock. Incalculable damage has been done to entire churches by creating false attitudes, especially of men toward women, and women on how they are to be treated. This restricts and ruins individual ministries.

Solution: Have the minds thoroughly washed with Scripture, our consciences clear, our hearts learning Biblical attitudes in this area, and our frame developed. “Gluing” one’s self to a man whose life demonstrates Godliness in this area is a necessity.

Avoidance: Do not “partner” with others who are experiencing the same failures in this area, and are not resolving them. Internalize such helpful structures in the Frame, such as contained in the acronym CLERGY.

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.

Marks of a Man #4

KJV: Sober NKJV: Sober-Minded NASB: Prudent ESV: Self-Controlled

NIV: Self-Controlled

Area: Emotional Balance

Definition: in one's right mind, as opposed to being emotionally out of control

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; 2:2,5; Rom. 12:3; 1 Pet. 4:7; 2 Tim. 1:7

Bible usage: Sane, with the fleshly emotions under control, being the opposite of (1) pride, Rom. 12:3; (2) cowardice, 2 Tim. 1:7; and (3) temporal thinking, 1 Pet. 4:7. See also 1 Tim. 5:21

Proverbs: 3:21-26; 3:34; 11:1; 24:10; 28:1 and Eccl. 3:11

Functions of the Soul

1. Mind - Perception of what emotional balance is, starting with the 3 above areas
2. Conscience - I'm evading no inner convictions of emotional imbalance
3. Heart - I master at least the 3 areas
4. Frame - I develop principles and goals for keeping my emotions under control
5. Will - No decisions made when emotionally out of control
6. Emotions - Constantly checked for legitimacy of source

Resolved: to reject the emotional imbalance and insanity of pride, cowardice and temporal thinking.

Essay

Source: it appears that pride, cowardice, and temporal thinking all combine to send us to "panic palace," that is, emotional imbalance, out of our minds. Pride tells us we can handle problems, cowardice sets in when we see we can't, and temporal thinking puts us into full blown emotional imbalance.

Problem: we are all but worthless as leaders, losing our capacity to be true men. There will be no "pioneer advance," of the Gospel, Phil. 1:12.

Solution: constant "searchings of the heart," Judges 5:16, condemning paralyzing pride, retreating cowardice, and panic in temporal thinking. We can examine every decision, attempting to discern if any of them reflects this weak unmanly state toward the warfare we are in.

Avoidance: constantly in the Word, spending time with our Lord, and the accountability of other men. I can also keep my mind occupied with heroes and heroines of the faith, past and present, constantly renewing my vision.

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.

Marks of a Man # 6

KJV: Given to hospitality; All others: Hospitable Area: Strangers

Definition: Affectionate attitude of, and treatment of strangers

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9

Bible Usage: to open the heart, home and available funds to strangers in need. This is to be aggressively pursued, Rom:12:13; and never done with a bad attitude toward doing it, 1 Pet. 4:9. Don't forget the angels, Heb. 13:2.

Proverbs: 21:29; 11:24-25; 13:7

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - see this as a necessary mark of character for leadership
2. **Conscience** - pay close attention
3. **Heart** - learn, memorize and meditate on the above verses
4. **Frame** - establish my principles and goals to practice this Mark
5. **Will** - make all decisions in view of my principles and goals
6. **Emotions** - enjoy being a blessing to strangers

Resolved:

To show friendly affection to all strangers, helping where I can, as much as I can, and doing it all as unto Christ.

Essay:

Source of Lack: A flagrant lack of understanding of, and rejection of the Sixth Commandment, resulting in no regard for strangers in need, and certainly not affectionate towards them. This would indicate a deep lack of empathy in the soul.

Problem: Total violation of Matthew 25:31-46; rejecting **the least of these**, Matt. 25:25:45; the very ones Jesus accepts; and missing **angels unawares**, Heb. 13:2. This results in a cold, unfriendly "in-grown" life, and thus church.

Solution: Understanding of, and obedience to the Sixth Commandment with a good attitude, and having the **Mind of Christ**, which specializes in the stranger in need, Phil. 2:5-9.

Avoidance: Deliberately and aggressively examine my life for involvement with the stranger in need surrounding me. I can see ministry in places of need, such as Nursing Homes, Shelters, Rescue Missions and Prisons. It needs to be seen that a church leader who is not aggressively friendly and helpful in this way, is not qualified for local church leadership. Along with the entire 25th chapter of Matthew, this is NOT having our social circle over for dinner, or all going out to eat together. While certainly nothing is wrong with that, it has nothing to do with this Mark.

Marks of a Man #7

KJV: Apt to teach; All Others: Able to teach

Area: Communication

Definition: Able to teach, because first teachable

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:24

Bible Usage: One who is able to teach, because of first having been taught, Titus 1:9; have the qualities of: (1) not a fighter (must not strive), (2) easy to get along with (but be gentle), (3) patient when wronged (patient), (4) attempts to correct others (instructing), (5) meekness, leaving the outcome to God (in meekness), 2 Timothy 2:24-26.

Proverbs: 1:5,30; 9:7-9; 10:12,20,21; 11:9; 12:18; 13:2,3,10,14,15; 15:2,4,7,28; 16:21,23; 17:27; 18:4; 26:4,5; 29:7,11;

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - I perceive the need and qualities of being able to teach
2. **Conscience** - I am not fighting unresolved lacks I clearly see
3. **Heart** - I learn and commit to memory every quality in 2 Tim. 2:24-26
4. **Frame** - Principles and goals for all my communication clear to me
5. **Will** - Every word spoken in view of my Frame
6. **Emotions** - The enjoyment of confidence in what I communicated and how

Resolved:

To internalize and observe the four qualities of good communication for every utterance out of my mouth.

Essay:

Source of Problem: An anti-academic, doctrinally shallow, mentally lazy view-point towards Bible knowledge, fulfilling the prophecy of 2 Tim. 4:3-4. Also, one or more of the Marks may be out of line. There may also be a low expectation of the Pastor in actually expecting anyone to listen or learn from his teaching. This can lead to not presenting the material in such a way as they can learn it.

Problem: A totally ignorant flock, lack of communication between Pastor and flock, little knowledge of God, and openness to every heresy that may come along.

Solution: Discipleship! Matthew 28:19; 2 Tim. 2:2; 1 Peter 5:13; 2 Tim. 4:1-5; 1 Tim. 4:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:24-26.

Avoidance: THE WORD!!! And, rejecting Satanic distractions, both in public and in private, as well as circles of relationships that do not care to fellowship in the WORD.

Marks of a Man # 8

KJV & NKJV: Not given to wine; NASB: Not addicted to wine; ESV: Not a drunkard; NIV: Not given to drunkenness.

Area: Addictions

Definition: Substance addiction through abuse of that substance

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 1:7; See 1 Tim. 5:23

Bible Usage: Substance abuse to the point of being controlled by that substance, resulting in a clouding of the mind and judgement, destroying the ability to lead.

Proverbs: 13:25; 20:1; 23:20,21, 29-35; _____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of the trap of substance abuse
2. **Conscience** - Clear as to my ways in this area
3. **Heart** - Scripture deeply internalized in my reasoning
4. **Frame** - Clearly established principles, and definite goals to keep them
5. **Will** - Totally governed by the Heart and the Frame
6. **Emotions** - Not getting out of control and leading me into this sin

Resolved:

To continually reject over-use of any addictive substance resulting in being addicted to that substance.

Essay:

Source of Problem: In my experience, there is an overwhelming cause to get started on an addictive substance. Examples I know of are physical pain, emotional pain, peer pressure, or just plain stupidity. The body then develops an addiction, from which the withdrawals become, to the addicted, prohibitive. Thus, almost anything will be done to continue the addiction, in order in many cases, to avoid the horrors of withdrawal.

Problem: These substances, being mind altering, destroy Objectivity, Focus, and Alertness (OFA). This, in turn, certainly destroys any chance of competent leadership.

Solution: Easy for someone who has not been an addict to say. God has, in my opinion, created certain substances for pain control. When these are misused, it appears to me, addiction occurs. I believe the basic solution is that one has an overwhelming purpose in life that cannot be fulfilled with the mind altered. Therefore, they choose purpose over a mind altering substance.

Avoidance: Be on the lookout for an attitude that, without a life-consuming purpose, sees mind-altering substances as a valid escape from reality. The power for this is, of course, the Holy Spirit using the Word.

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

Marks of a Man # 10

KJV: not greedy of filthy lucre; NKJV: not greedy for money

Area: Gain

Definition: serving and striving for dishonest gain

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 3:3,8; Titus 1:7; 1 Peter 5:2

Bible Usage: this person sees the ministry as a means for financial gain, and is willing to engage in dishonest behavior to get that gain.

Proverbs: 1:10-19; 10:2; 11:1,18; 12:11,12;
13:11;15:27;16:8;20:10,17;28;8;_____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - I perceive ministry as a calling, not a means of gain
2. **Conscience** - I am clear on my motives and practices in this area
3. **Heart** - I develop genuine passion for Pastoral Ministry
4. **Frame** - this ministry is clearly defined with principles and goals
5. **Will** - no decision made outside of a clear Frame
6. **Emotions** - passion and joy in ministry

Resolved:

To reject questionable financial means of gain from Pastoral Ministry, regardless of the need or the opportunity.

Essay:

Source of Problem: in a word, money. Add to that, in this instance, a person seeing the Pastoral Ministry of attaining their ends, dishonest gain. Churches and other Ministries may add to this problem by simply appealing to a man's willingness to join them for money. This person would be hiding the fact that he is only in it for the money.

Problem: you have a "hireling," as Jesus described in John 10:12-13. They profess to be a God-called Pastor, but in reality, it is only about the money, making him "greedy of filthy lucre."

Solution: Not so easy, as the giving of the Church may be the only thing between the Pastor and poverty. Extreme care will have to be taken to discern both for the Pastor himself, and the Church, what his motives are. It might be noted that one solution may be that the Pastor is bi-vocational, as Paul many times, was.

Avoidance: not entering a Ministry where finances are an issue, and, unstable.

Mark of a Man # 11

KJV: Patient; All other versions: Gentle

Area: Reasonableness

Definition: sweetly reasonable, going beyond legal rights to the intent of grace

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3 2 Cor. 10:1; Titus 3:2; Phil. 4:5; James 3:17; 2 Pet. 2:18;

Bible Usage: Sweet, reasonable consideration springing from a recognition of the danger that ever lurks upon the assertion and insistence of legal rights, lest they be actually pushed to immoral limits, that is, violating grace itself.

Proverbs: 11:17; 19:11

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - deep perception of the difference between legally and morally right
2. **Conscience** - ruled by grace
3. **Heart** - mastering the Christ-like attitude of grace in every situation
4. **Frame** - clearly developed principles and goals as they are learned
5. **Will** - no decision made without a consulted Frame in this area
6. **Emotions** - no emotional conflicts of having violated principles of grace

Resolved:

To always exercise the mildness that puts the gracious intent of a law over the letter of that law.

Essay:

Source of Problem: In my view, a lack of grace, stemming from the pride of seeing myself doing quite well in my own eyes. This leaves little need for grace for myself in my view, therefore having little grace for others.

Problem: The weak around us are mistreated, and condemned. We see “rules as rules,” with no space in our souls for the gracious intent of the rule. Lives are destroyed through this self-righteous treatment of others.

Solution: Somehow or other, learning GRACE, and in this case, God’s gracious intent of all His laws. Pride will have to be humbled, and the need for grace learned. Until then, this person is not qualified for leadership.

Avoidance: Sufficient time to judge this Mark will be needed. The qualified man will be known, along with all the other Marks, as a man who seeks out the weak and the wanderer.

Marks of a Man # 12

KJV: Not a brawler; NASB:Peaceable; NKJV, ESV, NIV: Not quarrelsome

Area: Opposition

Definition: not to be withstood, fighting to the end, a war that always has to be won

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3; Titus 3:2; 2 Tim. 2:24

Bible Usage: Here we forbidden to argue, with the intent of winning the argument. This is a negative character trait, stemming likely from insecurity of one's position, or arrogant insistence on being right, where one is almost incapable of backing down long enough to consider the other's point of view.

Proverbs: 2:1-5; 3:30; 13:10; 17:19; 18:6; 20:3; 25:8;

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - I perceive one of these altercations coming
2. **Conscience** - I reject them past, present and future
3. **Heart** - I master the truth of not having to win an argument
4. **Frame** - I carefully establish principles and formulate goals to stay out of this problem
5. **Will** - I am quick to decisively disengage when suspecting a battle
6. **Emotions** - I enjoy the blessing of not having made a fool of myself

Resolved:

To reject, when entering any conversation or debate, the feeling that I have to win. Resolved to back off!

Essay:

Source of Problem: I'd say insecurity is the main source, with pride following close behind. I say insecurity, as this man is already weak in the depths of his soul. He feels that, to be disagreed with, and even lose his point, is an attack on his manhood. Insecurity may come from having already abdicated his leadership in other areas, such as the home, and pride may come from the inability to think that he may be wrong.

Problem: No leadership, no growth, no disciple-making. This is true because deep relationships are needed for all of the above, and men with this flaw in their character never make any but surface relationships.

Solution: Maybe no immediate solution, except, not making this man an Elder. Proving becomes especially important here as all prospective Elders need to be observed and examined when disagreed with.

Avoidance: the entire study of Nouthetic Counselling, with a grasp of the Book of Proverbs would keep this from destroying a church and ministry.

Marks of a Man # 13

KJV, NKJV: Not covetous; ESV,NIV: Not lover of money; NASB: Free from money love

Area: Money

Definition: Not having a love affair with money, which is always insatiable

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:3 Heb. 13:5

Bible Usage: With money being a totally possessive master, Matthew 6:24; Luke 16:13; and when being focused upon fills the entire life with darkness, Matthew 6:22-23; one being in love with money cannot at the same time be in love with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of the danger of love of money
2. **Conscience** - Nothing in my conscience tells me I am in love with money
3. **Heart** - Master the subject of money, so that money does not master me
4. **Frame** - Clear financial principles and goals from the Word of God
5. **Will** - All decisions agree with my Frame
6. **Emotions** - Free from financial worry and financial guilt

Resolved:

To not have a love affair, thus enslaved to money; but on the contrary to trust God alone for my present and future needs.

Essay:

Source of Problem: Being an idolater, that idol being money, Colossians 3:5. This is a rejection of trusting God for all my needs, Phil. 4:19; not accepting that all money I have belongs to Him, resulting in thinking that the accumulation of money will give me security.

Problem: Being an idolater, my love is focused on the money I have accumulated, or hope to accumulate, and not God. This destroys any Gospel Vision and ministry.

Solution: Faith in God, not the financial standards or resources of this world. This in no way cancels out hard work and good money management.

Avoidance: Master a good study on money, such as ***Money and Me*** in our study sheets. This will be especially difficult in that our entire culture is based on the philosophy of “*a certain rich man*” in Luke 12:16-21. While every man is mandated to provide for the needs of his family as much as is possible, 1 Timothy 5:8; the rest of Bible instruction, such as “*treasures upon earth*” must be taken into account.

Marks of a Man # 14

*KJV: One that ruleth well his own house; NKJV; Rules well; ESV,NIV,NASB:
Manages...well*

Area: Family

Definition: One who presides over, takes charge, of his family situation

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:4,5,12; 5:17; Titus 3:8,14; Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:12

Bible Usage: This refers to a man who, in his area of what may be called his family, presides over, taking responsibility for all that goes on in this family structure. He is the ultimate solver of all problems that may arise, and the trend setter for the family.

Proverbs: 10:1; 11:29; 13:24; 19:18; 22:6,15; 23:13,14;

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Clear perception of male leadership, especially in the home
2. **Conscience** - No "cover ups" of abdication of leadership responsibility
3. **Heart** - Very active in learning, memorizing and meditating on leadership verses
4. **Frame** - Clear principles and goals for leadership in the family structure
5. **Will** - Consistent, manly decisions made in view of my Frame
6. **Emotions** - Stable emotionally, not moved constantly in inconsistency

Resolved:

To maintain leadership of, and responsibility for all that takes place in my family structure, providing and protecting as is possible within the Providence of God.

Essay:

Source of Problem: An apostate culture (Isaiah 3) has produced a family structure of weak men and strong women. This has resulted in entire generations of confused and abusive men, with also confused, but controlling women. Entire generations have accepted this unto their own destruction.

Problem: While in most churches, men appear to be "in charge," they are not. It is women, by default who are propping up their weak men, even though all make it appear that men are the leaders. Thus, there can be no disciple making, no discipline, and no forward movement.

Solution: Biblical principles and goals for "*Masculine Manhood*" must be established from the ground up. May God make us all *World Changing Leaders* that will reproduce *World Changing Leaders* for the rest of our lives.

Avoidance: A total rejection of the “brain-washing” methods and goals of our culture. We must be so bathed in the Word of God that anything not a part of “*Masculine Manhood*” is rejected.

Marks of a Man # 15

KJV, NKJV: Not a novice; ESV, NIV: Not a recent convert; NASB: Not a new convert

Area: Experience _____

Definition: Not a new, inexperienced believer

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:6

Bible Usage: The word coming from the idea of a new planted tree, refers to a relatively new believer, pointing obviously to their inexperience. Position, acclaim and prestige will cloud the new believer's mind with pride and conceit, causing a destructive fall. We should not do this to them.

Proverbs: 11:2; 13:7; 16:18,19; 18:12; 26:12

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A clear perception of need and qualifications for experience
2. **Conscience** - No knowledge of compromising need for experience
3. **Heart** - A depth of understanding of all the issues involved, including experience, doctrine, and these Marks
4. **Frame** - Totally developed principles and goals, based upon all these Marks
5. **Will** - Resolute to make no decisions not clearly in line with every Mark
6. **Emotions** - A rest of soul that is not fighting bad decisions

Resolved:

To reject ordaining inexperience no matter how outwardly able, or the supposed need for the person may be.

Essay:

Source of Problem: First, in our culture as a result of apostasy (Isaiah 3), true Elders are pushed aside, usually their own fault, and young, inexperienced men are put in leadership. This is our cultural norm in many churches. This done, under the guise of attracting the youth, generational transmission of knowledge, wisdom and experience is gone.

Problem: Experience is "put out to pasture," youthful inexperience reigns, and the church becomes a "social experiment" rather than that victoriously marching Body of Christ.

Solution: Return, return to all Biblical standards and doctrine for leadership. This is going to take a people who want leadership, and will receive it if they have it.

Avoidance: Starting from the ground up, celebrate qualified leadership if you have it. Then, trust God to use that leadership to recognize and appoint more leadership if it is there. Be content for the Pastors to "lay hands suddenly on no man," 1 Tim. 5:22.

Marks of a Man # 16

KJV: A good report; NKJV: Good testimony; NASB, NIV: Good reputation; ESV: Well thought of

Area: Unbelievers

Definition: A commendable report from unbelievers

Scripture: 1 Tim. 3:7; see exo, without, 1 Cor. 5:12,13; Col. 4:5-6; 1 Thess 4:12

Bible Usage: The Bible picture of our behavior toward the lost is (1) non-judgmental; (2) wise use of our time with them; (3) graciously speaking the truth; (4) living an honest, honorable life before them.

Proverbs: 10:7 _____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - A deep perception of how the lost see us
2. **Conscience** - no unresolved issues, if possible, with any lost person
3. **Heart** - Deep love and concern for the lost
4. **Frame** - Principles and goals of relationship to and evangelism of the lost clearly defined
5. **Will** - All decisions made from the Frame
6. **Emotions** - Comfortable around the lost, showing Christ to them in all things

Resolved:

To live an outwardly commendable life before all unbelievers so as to maximize any opportunity to present Christ.

Essay:

Source of Problem: A severity toward the lost in their sins, being unmindful of the 6th Commandment, and lacking the grace and wisdom to speak grace and truth into their lives. This ruins our chances for the Gospel with a dishonorable testimony.

Problem: No opportunity to fulfill the Great Commission for our Lord Jesus Christ

Solution: Developing through the Word and the Holy Spirit, the love for the lost that God has, seeing every interaction as an opportunity to show Christ, and share the Gospel.

Avoidance: Rejecting the total selfishness of our culture, and realizing that we breath only for the glory of God and the evangelization of the world. Clearly this would be nurturing the eternal mind-set, "making ourselves friends...that will receive us into everlasting habitations," Luke 16:9.

Marks of a Man # 17

KJV, NKJV, NASB: Not self-willed; ESV: Not arrogant; NIV: Not overbearing

Area: Accountability

Definition: One whose decisions and behavior is to please himself alone, with no regard for others.

Scripture: Titus 1:7; 2 Peter 2:10

Bible Usage: This is a “my way or the highway” type person, who, pleased with himself alone, sees no reason to make himself accountable to anyone, seeing nothing correct, except what he himself does.

Proverbs: 6:23; 10:8,17;11:14;12:1,15;13:18;15:12,22,31,32;18:1; 20:18;24:5-6;_____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Perception of what being self-willed is, and the opposite
2. **Conscience** - Clear of self-will as far as know
3. **Heart** - Developed, Biblical, working knowledge of accountability
4. **Frame** - Principles and Goals for accountability that are working in my life
5. **Will** - Decisions constantly made in view of accountability
6. **Emotions** - No conflicting feelings when being exposed to accountability

Resolved:

To expose every idea to applicable accountability fully intending to being open to changing to their view.

Essay:

Source of Problem: I'd say having been raised in a culture where self-pleasing arrogance with no concern for the feelings or opinions of others and no need for accountability was taught or accepted.

Problem Caused: This man is incapable of fruitful leadership. Those who stay around him will be timid “yes men,” or, they will keep their distance. Either way, there will never be true relational Sons in the Faith, no multiplication, and no actual growth.

Solution: A total reorientation of self to accountability, true humility, and a deep education from the Book of Proverbs. The study on Nouthetic Counselling will help.

Avoidance: Humility, Proverbs, and reviewing regularly the concepts of Nouthetic Counselling.

Marks of a Man # 18

12KJV: Not soon angry; All others: Not quick tempered

Area: Anger

Definition: Quick, angry outburst over personal issues of contention

Scripture: Titus 1:7; Eph. 4:26,31; Col. 3:8; 1 Tim. 2:8; James 1:19,20; Matt. 5:22;

Bible Usage: This is a settled state of indignation, maybe right, maybe wrong, but always wrong when aroused to a sudden outburst of anger. (See #9
). The opposite is keeping legitimate indignation within reasonable bounds.

Proverbs: 10:12; 14:17; 16:32; 22:34; 27:3-4; Ecc. 7:9

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - I need a clear perception of this fault in my life
2. **Conscience** - I need repentance and forsaking of any angry outburst
3. **Heart** - I need to fortify my New Man against this fleshly strength
4. **Frame** - I need to keep storing up principles and goals to prevent this
5. **Will** - I need the discipline of the will to not choose this path of sin
6. **Emotions** - I need to be sure all past outbursts have been rectified

Resolved:

To reject fleshly outbursts of anger, regardless of the provocation.

Essay:

Source of Problem: Simmering indignation towards any issue that is close to the surface of my consciousness that the flesh uses for excuses of any angry out-burst. I'd say pride is the primary method the flesh uses for this.

Problem Caused: dishonoring the Lord, and ravaging the soul and peace of those around me. There is never a legitimate excuse for this behavior.

Solution: I'd say be on the constant look-out for the flesh to convince me that an angry outburst for any reason is justified. This is to be especially looked for during a "pride episode."

Avoidance: Abiding in the dwelling place of God with a contrite and humble spirit, Isaiah 57:15. There, loving the Law, nothing offends, Psalms 119:165.

Marks of a Man # 19

KJV: Lover of good men; NKJV: Lover of what is good; ESV, NIV: Loves what is good; NASB: Loving what is good

Area: Priorities

Definition: Affectionate to beneficial priorities

Scripture: Titus 1:8; 2 Tim. 3:3

Bible Usage: A clear set of priorities, based on eternal values of God's Word, maintained with passionate affection, for what is most beneficial to spend my life on.

Proverbs: 13:20;14:8,15; 16:3; 17:24;27:12

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Clear perception of need for a prioritized life
2. **Conscience** - No accusing violation of known beneficial priorities
3. **Heart** - All priorities organized around the Great Commission
4. **Frame** - Clear principles and goals for Christ's priorities
5. **Will** - Decisiveness when it comes to priorities
6. **Emotions** - Content with my priorities

Resolved:

To constantly review the priorities of my life and be satisfied that my remaining moments in this life are being spent in the most beneficial way.

Essay:

Source of Problem: The beneficial priorities are pushed aside for those less than most beneficial. This person does not have Biblical priorities that reflect, in a word, The Great Commission. One might say that "good" priorities replace the "best" priorities.

Problem Caused: A life, and false example of the "good" pushing out the "best." God's priorities are replaced by the priorities of culture and the flesh, with the Great Commission being left behind.

Solution: Intense study of, understanding of, and obedience to God's Program for my life, as revealed in His Word.

Avoidance: Having the mind bathed with the Word so that fleshly and cultural priorities do not replace God's priorities. Needless to say, good accountable relationships regularly consulted with will help.

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.

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.

Marks of a Man # 22

KJV: Temperate; NKJV, NASB: Self- Controlled; ESV, NIV: Disciplined

Area: Habits

Definition: Dominion over bodily appetites and habits

Scripture: Titus 1:8; Acts 24:25; 1 Cor. 7:9; 9:25; Gal. 5:23

Bible Usage: With the underlying thought of a desired goal, we get under control every bodily appetite and habit that would prevent or hinder us from reaching that goal.

Proverbs: 13:25; 21:25; 25:28; 29:18

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Mental perception of my life in view of my habits
2. **Conscience** - Being careful to listen to every instance of a troubled conscience
3. **Heart** - Have the heart of the New Man very active with a sense of Biblical purpose
4. **Frame** - Clear principles and goals which consume the soul for Christ
5. **Will** - Be decisive concerning threats to your self-control
6. **Emotions** - enjoy the state of not being controlled by bodily appetites and habits, and enjoy your good ones

Resolved:

To allow no dominating habit that hinders the goal of fulfilling Christ's calling on my life.

Essay:

Source of Problem: Possibly a life-time of not being stopped, therefore no personal discipline to stop myself. This is complicated because of (1) abundance of "delights" for the bodily appetites in our society, and (2) if the person has no sense of overwhelming purpose not to indulge the body.

Problem: A man dominated by bodily appetites and habits will not be an effective leader, no matter what excuses we make for him. In addition, there will be entirely too many sheep who will feel free to follow his example.

Solution: I'd say a total orientation to victory in the soul in view of Romans 6-8. Add to this a proper sense of calling, and a passion for Christ, His Word, His people and calling, will dominate the life, not fleshly appetites.

Avoidance: Maintain the refusal to believe Satanic lies that indulging the flesh can satisfy any real need at all.

Marks of a Man # 23

KJV, NKJV, NASB: Holding fast...; ESV: Hold firm; NIV: Holding firmly

Area: Doctrine

Definition: To take firm hold of, and guard the systematic doctrine of God's Word

Scripture: Titus 1:9; related: 1Tim. 4:6,15,16; 5:17; 2 Tim. 1:13; 2:15; 3:16,17; 4:15

Bible Usage: This man has a grasp, and maintains that grasp on the sound, healthy systematic doctrines of the entire Bible, being miraculously able to minister to disciples and defeat the foes of the Gospel.

Proverbs: 8:33-36; 15:14; 18;15; 19:8; _____

Functioning in my Soul:

1. **Mind** - Perception of, and commitment to, necessity of doctrinal competence.
2. **Conscience** - No inner accusations of compromising or neglecting the Word.
3. **Heart** - Constantly adding to and meditating on Bible Doctrine.
4. **Frame** - A true **Shield of the Faith** developed, forming Bible Principles and Goals for all of life.
5. **Will** - Choices determined by sound doctrine.
6. **Emotions** - Emotional satisfaction of knowing God's Word is always first.

Resolved:

To never stop learning for development of sound Bible Doctrine in my soul.

Essay:

Source of Problem: Bottom line, I'd say, doctrinal ignorance. The man unqualified in this area has not had good theological training, and has never been led to do so. If he has been led to do so, he has rejected the necessity of it.

Problem: No ability to perform the ministry as outlined in Titus, "being able, by sound doctrine, to exhort, and convince the gainsayers." The sheep will not be fed, there will be no unity, and there will be no **Disciple-Making-Disciples**.

Solution: A structure, plan, and atmosphere of DOCTRINE. There would also be an automatic expectation that this man is a **Disciple-Making-Disciple**.

Avoidance: "Laying hands quickly on no one," 1 Tim. 5:21-22. There would be an entire system of actual "academic" requirements by those of us who are in leadership. Furthermore, this man would be under the scrutiny of the entire body, and challenged in all doctrinal areas, long before any thought of Ordination.

Marks of a Man # 24

KJV: Quit you like men; NKJV: Be brave; NASV, NIV: Be Courageous; ESV: Act like men;

Area: Manhood

Definition: Show one's self a man in courageous bravery

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 16:13; Gen. 2:15; 3:16; Jer. 5:1; Ezek. 22:30 ; 1 Cor. 11:3-4;14:35; 1 Tim. 2:8; 3:4-5; Isa. 50:2; Judges 4:9; Isaiah 3;

Bible Usage: There is ever a clear line in Scripture that men, and men only represent the masculinity of God in His Headship and leadership responsibility.

Proverbs: Entire Book

Functioning in the Soul:

1. **Mind** - I perceive the unique role of male leadership
2. **Conscience** - My conscience accuses me of no abdication of that role
3. **Heart** - I constantly learn and meditate on every area of the Word of God I can find that pertains to my masculinity
4. **Frame** - Principles of Biblical Manhood are clearly and continually established with will defined goals to be act like a man
5. **Will** - Strong, clear, resolute in my decisions as a man
6. **Emotions** - Controlled by my manhood, not defining my manhood

Resolved:

To be the man, before God, that He would have me to be, in my manliness, bringing glory to Christ.

Essay:

Source of Problem: An apostate culture rejecting male leadership and headship, and clearly replacing that leadership with women.

Problem: Total destruction of a culture and the church, because women cannot successfully perform the God-given role of men.

Solution: Men to totally reject the work of the culture to emasculate them, demeaning them, and marginalizing them. Conformity to Mark # 14 would apply here.

Avoidance: An adoption of all 24 Marks of a Man would get the job done. So, we end where we began: BLAMELESS.

Memory Sheet for
The Marks of a Man

Greek Word	Word	Area
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Notes

Functions of the Soul

An Explanation

The purpose to go through each of the Functions of the Soul is to hopefully “cement” the Mark into our minds a little more.

Concerning the **Mind**, this is not to decide whether or not we agree with what it is being said. It is a time to understand what is said, so that the thought can be passed on to the **Conscience** for judgment.

The **Conscience**, if being honest, determines whether or not, based on present information and convictions, one agrees or disagrees with what is being said about the particular Mark. This is sorted out before it is admitted into the **Heart** as true and worthy of studying.

The **Heart** is the place of the main action. **“Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life,”** Proverbs 4:23, nails it down. A study of the **Heart**, especially in *Proverbs* reveals that it is the part of the Soul that is constantly pumping life to all the rest. The **Heart** reasons, meditates, and memorizes. Once the **Heart** has the issue “owned” for one’s self, it is then it is passed on to the **Frame** for categorization and storage.

The **Frame** is where, as mentioned, concluded beliefs are stored. The **Frame** categorizes the information, which in turn develops principles and goals. These principles and goals are ready then for the **Will** to base every decision upon.

The **Will** is the final decider, the chooser of the Soul. The **Will** of the *New Man*, always seeking to do the will of God and please Him, is responsible to base any and every decision on the material stored in the **Frame**. The final Function of the Soul turns out to be our **Emotions**.

The **Emotions** are designed to be the “appreciator” of the Soul. The **Emotions** are never to be the criteria for decisions, but they are to be the legitimate “recognizer” of what is pleasing to God, according to His will, and best for ourselves and others. This is where one can peacefully enjoy a life which has been for God’s pleasure.