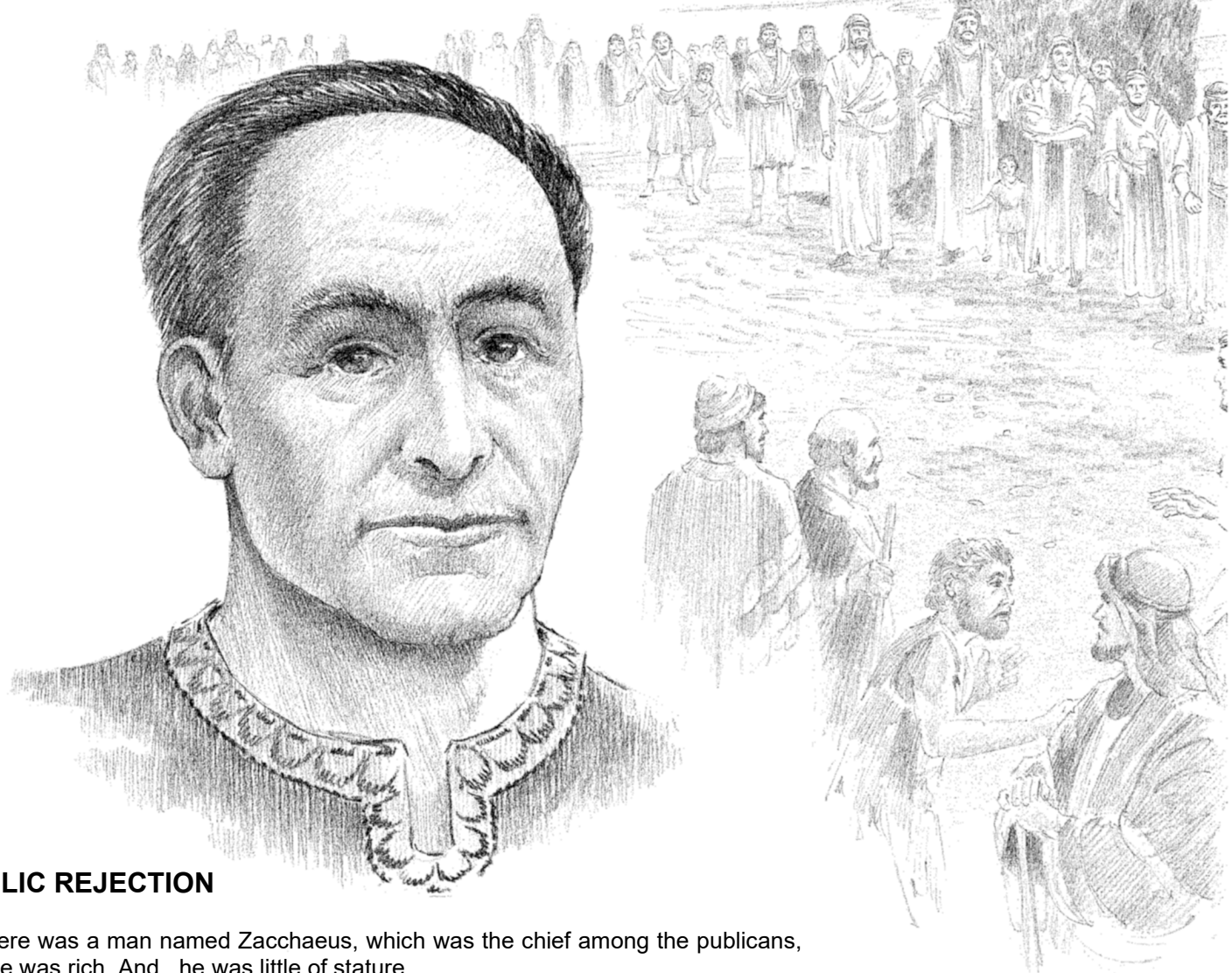


GOD'S BLESSING OF CHOOSING A GOOD NAME WHATEVER THE COST

LESSON 17

ZACCHAEUS

A great restorer of funds



PUBLIC REJECTION

"...There was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And...he was little of stature..."

"...[Jesus] said unto him, Zacchaeus...to day I must abide at thy house...[The crowd] murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner" (Luke 19:2-7).

GOD'S BLESSING OF CHOOSING A GOOD NAME WHATEVER THE COST

THE VALUE OF A GOOD NAME

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold" (Proverbs 22:1).



PUBLIC RESTITUTION

"And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8).



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT A GOOD NAME?

PERSONAL EVALUATION:

TRUE / FALSE

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|---|---|
| 1. A good name is achieved when a person becomes famous. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. A good name is directly related to a person's popularity. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. God expects every Christian to earn and maintain a good name. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. God does not expect Christians to have a good name with the world, since the world will hate Christians. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Satan's primary way of ruining a good name is to get a Christian to commit what the world considers to be a major sin. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Once a Christian has damaged his reputation, he can never regain a good name. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. God requires us to have a good name among Christians and non-Christians. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. A good name and a good reputation mean the same thing. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. If you do what God says is right, He is responsible for your reputation. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. God is more concerned with your obedience than with your reputation. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Sometimes God will allow our reputation to be damaged in order to protect His reputation. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. God encourages Christians to talk about the good deeds that they have done. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. There is nothing wrong with buying an item cheaply from a neighbor who desperately needs money. . | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. A Christian leader should have the goal of being well spoken of by everyone. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. The main reason why we should have a good name is that it will affect our future success. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. It is much more difficult for a poor person to maintain a good name than it is for a wealthy person to do so. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. The most common way to damage a good name is to make little compromises. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. If you damage your good name, only you will bear the consequences of it. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. A business partnership is more a merger of names than a merger of money. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Whether or not you have a good name depends upon whose approval you desire to win. | <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

TOTAL CORRECT

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EVALUATION SCORE:

20-18 correct =
17-10 correct =
9-0 correct =

A GOOD NAME...

A title that inspires confidence, because the person behind it can be consistently depended upon to do what is legally and morally right, whatever the cost.

WHY A GOOD NAME IS ESSENTIAL

1. We represent God's name

As Christians, we are the only "Bible" that many people read. Every business transaction must therefore represent the truth of Scripture, or the reputation of the Lord will be damaged. *"Ye are our epistle...known and read of all men" (II Corinthians 3:2).*

Has anyone rejected Christianity because of the way that you treated them in a business deal?

2. We honor our parents by it

The first commandment with a promise attached to it requires us to honor our father and mother. The promise is that only then will things go well for us. (See Ephesians 6:1-3.)

A name that is destroyed brings shame to the parents. *"Whoso keeps the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shames his father" (Proverbs 28:7).*

3. We pass it on to our children

More important than an inheritance of money is the heritage of a good name. Your children must bear the scorn and reaction or the praise and benefit of what your name represents. *"The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot" (Proverbs 10:7).*

4. We need it for business transactions

The foundation of a successful business is the reputation of the name behind it.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS TO EARN A GOOD NAME

1. BE TRUE TO YOUR WORD



Having a good name in business is primarily dependent upon the fulfillment of promises and commitments, whatever

the cost. In this sense, a man's name is as good as his word. (See Psalm 15.)

God gives continual warning about making our words few and carefully chosen so that we can keep the promises that we make. We are to be swift to hear, but slow to speak. (See James 1:19.) *"Be not with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few"* (Ecclesiastes 5:2).

MY VOWS AND PROMISES		Kept?
TO GOD	• Marriage vows	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Vows to serve God	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Daily Bible reading	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Tithes and offerings	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
TO FAMILY	• Promises made to wife (Ask her to list them.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Promises made to children (Ask them for a list.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Promises to relatives (List them.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
TO OTHERS	• Promises to friends	<input type="checkbox"/>
	• Promises in business	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Ask a trusted person to keep you accountable to fulfill each vow and promise. (See Hebrews 3:13.)		

2. RETURN BORROWED ITEMS



Scripture is very clear about the bad name that is earned when a person fails to return what was borrowed: *"The wicked borrows, and pays not again..."* (Psalm 37:21).

Borrowing among friends is usually done without careful records. It is often prompted by the urgency or need of the moment, with full intention to repay.

When the pressure eases, however, the items are forgotten by the borrower — but not by the lender. As time passes, the risk of damage, both to the borrowed items and to the friendship, continues to increase.

ITEMS I HAVE BORROWED	Repaid?
• Small amounts of money	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Books	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Food	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gas used in borrowed car	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Pen or pencil	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Clothes for special occasions	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Equipment that I returned damaged	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Items left by visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Other items that God brings to my mind	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. USE "JUST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES"



God's eyes are upon every business transaction that we make. Dishonesty in selling or in buying is not only a sin against the person with whom we are dealing, but it is a sin against God and His economic order. God clearly tells us that He established just weights and measures. *"A just weight and balance are the Lord's: all the weights of the bag are his work"* (Proverbs 16:11).

Merchants in the marketplace would often use two sets of weights—one for buying and one for selling.

The weights that were used for buying were heavier than the weights used for selling. Obviously this was dishonest, because the amount of grain put on a scale to buy had to be more, while the grain put on a scale to sell would be less, in order to balance the weights.

God condemns this practice repeatedly in the Bible. *"A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight"* (Proverbs 11:1).

"Divers weights; and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 20:10).

"Divers weights are an abomination unto the Lord; and a false balance is not good" (Proverbs 20:23).

A false weight or measure is not a large theft; in fact, it is a small theft repeated many times to many people. Yet, notice how severely God condemns and punishes the corruption of the marketplace for even a small unjust gain. *"Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?... Therefore also will I make thee sick... Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied... Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil..."* (Micah 6:11-15).

LITTLE WAYS OF DISHONESTY	Guilty?
• Getting to work a few minutes late	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Leaving work a few minutes early	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Taking extra time for breaks	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Not fulfilling expected services	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Charging more than an item is worth	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Failing to reveal defects	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Reducing the quality of items	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Making exaggerated claims	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Not giving full amount of a purchase	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Misusing "sick-day" policy	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make a list of those whom you have cheated, and restore what was wrongly taken. *"Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the Lord your God..." (Leviticus 19:35-36).*

4. REJECT GAIN THAT COMES FROM ANOTHER'S LOSS



God condemns "unjust gain." He warns that those who receive it will gather it to their own hurt. *"And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives. So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof" (Proverbs 1:18-19).*

There will be severe and lasting damage to the name of any person who profits by another's loss.

GAIN AT ANOTHER'S LOSS	Guilty?
• Winning in a lottery	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gaining through any form of gambling (races, cards, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Making, selling, or delivering liquor, cigarettes, harmful drugs, or pornography	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Rewards for getting friends to buy high-priced items that they do not need	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Taking advantage of the poor	<input type="checkbox"/>

Although a way of getting money may be legal, it violates God's Word if it takes advantage of the poor. *"Blessed is he that considers the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies" (Psalm 41:1-2).*

5. BE PUNCTUAL IN PAYING BILLS

A good name requires that bills be paid promptly. To withhold payment is to violate the clear instruction of Scripture: *"Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and*



come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee" (Proverbs 3:28). Notice that, in God's eyes, a payment is late one day after the work was finished.

There is good reason for this instruction. Those who are in business are often put in difficult financial circumstances. They depend upon the receipts that are owed to them so that they, in turn, can discharge their financial responsibilities.

When payment is late, the confidence and respect toward the one owing it is damaged. If there is inability to pay on time, the seller should be notified and special arrangements should be made.

HOW PROMPTLY DO YOU PAY BILLS?	Yes?
• Do I hold utility bills until after the deadline to pay?	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Do I make excuses and delay payments on a loan?	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Do I take advantage of grace periods in paying other bills?	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Do I wait until the last day to pay my income taxes?	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Have I ever had repairs done and then delayed paying for it?	<input type="checkbox"/>

To insure a good name in the matter of prompt payments, establish the practice of exchanging full payment for satisfactory services. This may require a special effort to lay aside funds so that they will not be spent for other items.

6. ASSOCIATE WITH WISE AND GODLY PEOPLE



Other people will evaluate our name on the basis of the company we keep. There is the continual danger of damaging a good name by wrong friendships. Scripture makes this quite clear. *"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33).*

Not only do our friends cause others to make judgments about our character, but they also influence us to make judgments about basic decisions in life. *"He that walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20).*

Do all of your close friends have good reputations as wise and Godly people?

THREE KEY FACTORS BEHIND A GOOD NAME



Just as gold is tried by fire, so a name will be tested by accusation and reaction. The Pharisees sought to tarnish the name of Jesus Christ by accusing Him of wrong association, breaking the Sabbath, and blasphemy.

Potiphar's wife tried to destroy Joseph's name by falsely accusing him of immorality.

Names that pass the test of fire give light and direction for generations to come.

1. MOTIVES

God warns that the secret motives of a man's heart will ultimately determine the quality and durability of his name.

If a person's secret desires are motivated by greed, pride, or sensuality, that person's thoughts and actions will sooner or later be influenced by them, and a good name will be destroyed. *"I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:10).*

On the other hand, if the secret motives of a person are to please the Lord and advance His kingdom, that person's name and reputation will be preserved even though he stumbles along the way.

"For a just man falls seven times, and rises up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief" (Proverbs 24:16).

TEST OF MOTIVES	PURE MOTIVES	WRONG MOTIVES
1. Loss of possessions through catastrophes	Bless God	Curse God
2. Opportunity to gain at another's expense	Reject it	Justify it
3. False accusation in a business transaction	Forgive	Resent
4. Criticism for a wrong business decision	Make it right	Become bitter
5. Rejection or lack of recognition	Comfort in Scripture	Verbal reaction
6. Unresolved pressures and problems	Trust in the Lord	Frustration
7. Cheating by a Christian brother	Appeal	Sue

If a man has a secret desire to be rich, he will be attracted to people and schemes that will bring damage to his life and ruin to his name. For this cause, God warns that those who have a secret desire to be rich will *"...fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish*

and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (1 Timothy 6:9).

If a person's secret motive is to set his affection on things above rather than on the things in the earth, he is able to endure the loss of temporal things with insight and spiritual gain. *"But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Philippians 3:7-8).*

2. CONSCIENCE

Right motives are the foundation of a clear conscience, and a clear conscience is the foundation of a good name.

To have a clear conscience means to be assured in our heart that no one can point a finger at us and say that we have wronged them and never tried to make it right. This kind of inward reassurance is our most effective defense against any attack on our name. *"Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ" (1 Peter 3:16).*

A clear conscience gives inward motivation to maintain good works when your name is under attack. It is through the perseverance of good works that God's reward is gained and a good name is established. *"Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:12).*

3. PRIORITIES

Motives reveal our true goals, and priorities reveal our values. Motives are tested by our response to money, and priorities are tested by our response to time.

Our priorities let other people know whether money and possessions are more important to us than our spiritual and family responsibilities and our outreach to others.

When a man's priorities are out of order, he destroys the relationships that will do the most to build and maintain a good name. It is perhaps in this area, more than any other, that daily decisions are made which ultimately result in choosing a good name rather than great riches.

MEASURING PRIORITIES

1. WITH GOD

- ☐ Quoting Scripture as you go to sleep
- ☐ Reading the Bible daily
- ☐ Using Scripture to conquer temptations
- ☐ Spending time each day in prayer
- ☐ Searching out Scriptural answers
- ☐ Reading Christian classics and biographies

2. WITH FAMILY

- ☐ Having a weekly "date" with your wife
- ☐ Studying a book with your wife
- ☐ Working on home repairs
- ☐ Having long-range family goals and plans
- ☐ Teaching your family Scriptural principles
- ☐ Taking your family to church
- ☐ Maintaining a record filled with weekly blessings and answers to prayer the family received

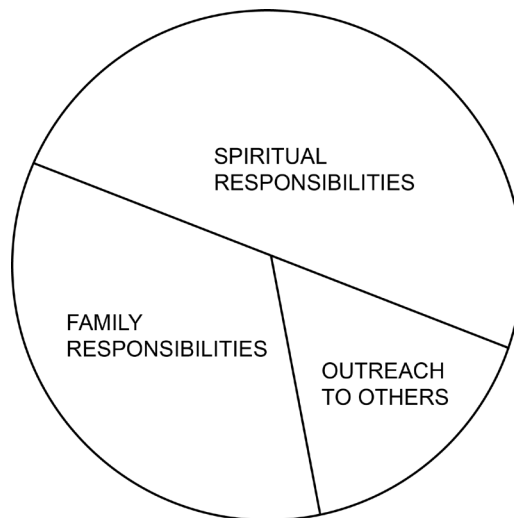
3. WITH OTHERS

- ☐ Explaining God's truth to others
- ☐ Being efficient and productive at work
- ☐ Getting sufficient food, sleep, and exercise
- ☐ Keeping up on current events

- When our priorities are right, God will give us more productive days.

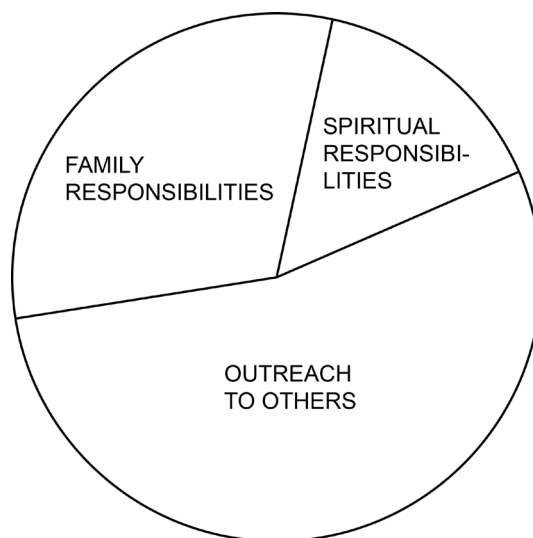
- When our priorities are right, God will give us favor with Him and with others.
- When our priorities are right, God will give us direction for daily decisions.
- When our priorities are right, God will give us peace and good health.
- Our priorities are right when we honor the Lord with the first fruits of all our increase: *"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty..." (Proverbs 3:10).*

RIGHT PRIORITIES



Priorities are *not* determined by how much time you spend on them but by how difficult it would be to distract you from fulfilling them.

WRONG PRIORITIES



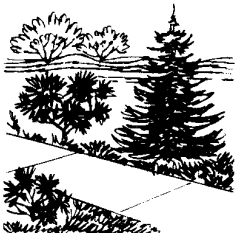
SATAN'S METHOD OF DESTROYING A MAN'S NAME...

COMPROMISE

Every day we experience temptations to compromise God's standards. The temptation is to increase our gain, but the active result is losing a good name.

Little compromises are usually made on the basis that they will never be discovered; and, even if they are, there will be no significant consequences. Both of these ideas are totally inaccurate.

DISHONEST BILLING



A man hired a landscaper to work at his office and his home. When the work was completed, the landscaper cheerfully informed the man, "I'm putting the work I did at your home on your company bill, and that way you can write it off as a business expense."

The man thanked the landscaper for his desire to save him money but explained that he could not do that. He wanted two bills so that he could pay his share of the job.

The landscaper remarked, "I had heard that you were a Christian and a very honest man. Now I know that the reports are true."

Compromises occur when we try to adjust our moral or ethical standards so that we will be accepted, or at least not ridiculed, by people who do not live by Scriptural standards. In reality, these very people secretly ridicule us when we compromise God's standards.

IMMORALITY



A businessman was invited by an influential associate to go with a group of business leaders on a hunting trip. He replied, "I want to go with you, but I don't really hunt." The associate lowered his voice and explained, "You don't need to hunt — we're going to get some women and liquor and have a good time."

The businessman graciously rejected the offer, even though it meant losing important business contacts. He said, "I love my wife so much that I would not have any desire to do that."

God gave this businessman great financial success. Six years later the associate visited him. With a tearful voice he said, "My father died. I leaned on him for everything. Now that he's gone, I need someone to trust and depend on. Of all the people that I know, there is only one man whom I totally trust, and that is you."

CHEATING ON TAXES

An agent of the government tax service examined the financial records of a wealthy businessman. The agent asked the man if his car was used for business or for pleasure, since it was listed as a deduction. The agent was assured that it was used only for business.



Later, God prompted the businessman to re-evaluate the honesty of that statement. The more that he thought about it, the more he realized that it was used for personal business as well as company business.

The next day the businessman said to the tax agent, "I need to correct a statement that I gave to you yesterday. My car is used for private business as well as company business. I was wrong in deducting the total amount of the car's expenses. That was not honest."

The agent concluded that if the businessman was that honest in one area, he could trust him with the rest. Instead of conducting an extensive audit, the agent asked the executive to explain the Christian life to him, and then the agent took steps to discover the Christian faith for himself.

COOPERATION WITH EVIL



The owner of a shopping center was told by one of his investors that they would be giving a lease to a liquor lounge. The owner explained his personal convictions against liquor. However, the investor convinced him to go along with it, as the money was desperately needed. The owner felt a twinge of conscience but agreed to do it.

The remodeling for the lounge cost the owner more than he expected. The day the lounge was scheduled to open, its manager had a mental breakdown. A few

days later, a bomb blew up the lounge, causing extensive damage to other buildings in the shopping center.

The owner learned a costly lesson about compromise and cooperation with evil.

The opportunity to compromise usually comes to a man when he is facing extreme needs. He believes that by compromising he will relieve the pressure. What he does not realize is that the pressure is God's test of his character; and if he compromises, he will not only fail the test, but he will also multiply his future problems.

MISUSING GOD'S MONEY



King Asa was under attack. He devised a clever way to defeat his enemy. His plan, however, required a few little compromises.

He used money that had been dedicated to God to arrange a partnership with an ungodly king.

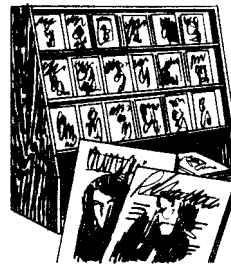
His plan worked, but God spelled out the consequences. *"...Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the Lord thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand... Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars" (II Chronicles 16:7, 9).*

Compromises are little departures from God's standards that can be easily overlooked as not important. However, one who is committed to a good name realizes that little inconsistencies reveal the true character of a man and lead to big tragedies.

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..." (II Chronicles 16:9).

A man's ability to reject compromise opens the way for God to bless both him and those who are influenced by his example.

INDIRECT IMMORALITY



After going nearly two years without sales, a land developer was offered an unusually high price for property which he and his vice president owned.

The vice president exclaimed, "Look at how God is blessing us because we are attempting to run our business according to Scriptural principles!"

The president suddenly realized something and replied, "We can't sell our property to that grocery chain, because they sell pornography."

The vice president objected, "But they sell cigarettes and sugar there, too, and they are not good for people either. We cannot be responsible for what they sell."

The president explained, "Cigarettes damage the body, but pornography destroys the soul. By making it available in this area, we share the responsibility of all that it causes people to do. Remember, we dedicated that property to God. Would *He* sell it for pornography?"

The vice president reluctantly cooperated with the president. They added a clause to the contract which prohibited the sale of any pornography.

When the vice president nervously reported this to the buyers, he was surprised and humbled when they said, "We expected that from your boss. That won't hinder our purchase."

When a man purposes ahead of time to reject compromise of any kind, he avoids the path of the ungodly man and the strange woman. (See Proverbs 2:12, 16.)

RESTORE A GOOD NAME

1. Realize that a good name must be earned.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches..." (Proverbs 22:1).

2. Have genuine repentance before God.

On the basis of salvation through Christ, confess and forsake every violation of God's law.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

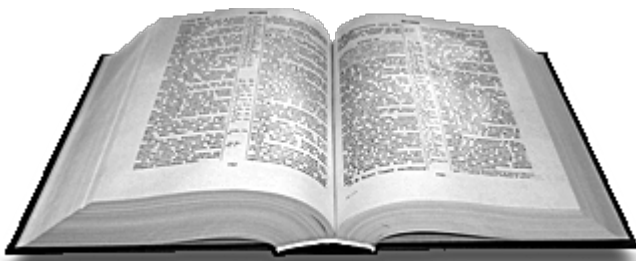
3. Clear your conscience with people whom you have wronged.

Make a list of those who have been wronged by your violation of God's principles. Ask them if they would forgive you, and then make proper restitution to them.

"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men" (Acts 24:16).

4. Consistently do good to others.

"Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ" (1 Peter 3:16).



"A REAL MAN!"

The president of a construction company hired a plumbing contractor. Before the job was completed, the contractor explained that because of unforeseen village restrictions, the job would cost more.

The president replied, "It's your job to know the village codes. We signed a contract, and I'm not paying any more money than what I agreed upon."

Six years later, a new associate said to the president of the construction company, "You've told us that you want to maintain a good name and that we should tell you if we ever meet someone who feels that you have wronged them. When I let bids out on our new building, a certain plumbing contractor told me that if it's your building, he would never bid on it."

The president had forgotten the incident, and now that he was more experienced in building, he realized that the plumbing contractor had been right and he had been wrong.

He went to the contractor, confessed his wrong, asked forgiveness, and gave him the money for the full amount plus interest for six years. The stunned contractor pounded the desk, stood up, reached his hand out, and exclaimed, "I want to shake the hand of a real man!"

Personal Commitment to a Good Name

Because God's reputation is directly affected by my actions, I purpose to establish a good name, whatever the cost. I will not hide behind legal technicalities or rationalizations to justify damage to others.

I will admit where I have been wrong and make proper restitution wherever necessary.

I plan to have a clear conscience on this matter by _____ (Date).

Signature _____

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO EARN A GOOD NAME?

Match each verse with the picture it explains.

☐ 1.



A. *"Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it [payment] by thee" (Proverbs 3:28).*

☐ 2.



B. *"A false balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight" (Proverbs 11:1).*

☐ 3.



C. *"So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; which taketh away the life of the owners thereof" (Proverbs 1:19).*

☐ 4.



D. *"For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:37).*

☐ 5.



E. *"He that walks with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20).*

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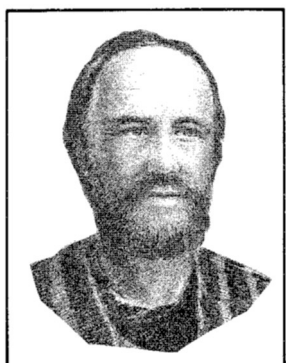


F. *"The wicked borrows, and pays not again..." (Psalm 37:21).*

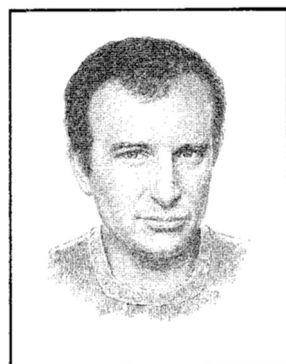
WHO IN THE BIBLE HAD A GOOD NAME?



A. Timothy



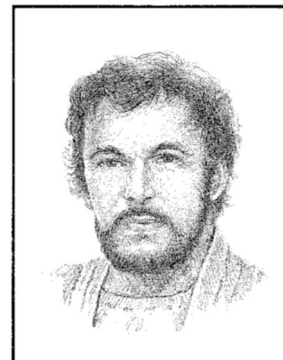
B. Stephen



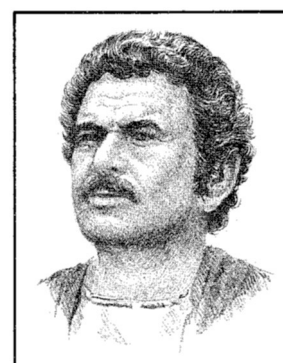
C. Cornelius

Match each quotation with the person to whom it refers.

- ☐ 1. He was "...a just man, and one that fears God, and of good report among all the nation..." (Acts 10:22).
- ☐ 2. He was one of "...seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom..." (Acts 6:3).
- ☐ 3. He "...was well reported of by the brethren..." (Acts 16:2).
- ☐ 4. He had a "...good report of all men, and of the truth itself..." (III John 12).
- ☐ 5. He was one "...whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches" (II Corinthians 8:18).
- ☐ 6. He was "...a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the jews..." (Acts 22:12).



D. Ananias



E. Demetrius



F. Titus' friend

DO YOU COMPREHEND THE FULL SCOPE OF A GOOD NAME?

Match each of God's requirements for church leaders with its definition.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Endures difficult situations without becoming angry with God and people | A. Above reproach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Is alert to every danger that would damage his testimony | B. Husband of one wife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Enjoys sharing his home and table with others | C. Temperate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Rejects the goal of becoming rich and is not jealous of others' possessions | D. Prudent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Has been a Christian several years and is mature | E. Respectable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Is able to effectively communicate God's truth | F. Hospitable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Refuses to become involved in any wrong habit | G. Able to teach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Is faithful to the words and spirit of his marriage vows | H. Not addicted to wine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Demonstrates wise leadership at home | I. Not pugnacious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Has living proof that he is a good leader at home | J. Gentle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Can look every person in the eye without guilt | K. Peaceable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Is approachable, reasonable, and willing to make peace | L. Free from the love of money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Is well-respected by people by non-Christians, e.g. neighbors, co-workers, fellow students | M. Manages his household well |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Shows good manners and orderliness in all of his actions | N. Children under control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Does not resort to force when frustrated | O. Not a new convert |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Is serious-minded and displays sound reasoning | P. Good reputation with those outside the church |
- (See I Timothy 3:1-13.)