A Good Reputation

Proverbs 22:6 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

A Good Reputation

A. Is a choice

B. Is valuable

C. Goes hand in hand with loving favor

1 Thessalonians 1:2-7

- 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;
- 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;
- 4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.
- 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Thessaolonians 1:2-7

- 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.
- 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

I. A Good Spiritual Reputation Has Evidence (v 3)

A. Work of faith

Colossians 1:10

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

B. Labor of love

Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

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- C. Patience of Hope
- 1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

II. The Evidence Of A Good Spiritual Reputation Is Seen (vv 3-5)

 \overline{A} . By God (v 3)

Hebrews 13:21

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

B. By others (vv 4-5)

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

III. The Results Of A Good Spiritual Reputation That Is Seen (vv 2, 6-7)

- A. It is appreciated (v 2)
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

III. The Results Of A Good Spiritual Reputation That Is Seen (vv 2, 6-7)

- B. It endures trials (v 6)
- 2 Corinthians 6:4
- But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
- C. It provides an example to other believers (v 7) Philippians 3:17
- Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

Be Part Of A Good Reputation