**MAKE YOUR MARK**

**Psalms 112:4-9**

**4**[**Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: *he is* gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-4/)

**5**[**A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-5/) **(Discretion means caution and judgment.)**

**6**[**Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-6/)

**7**[**He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-7/)

**8**[**His heart *is* established, he shall not be afraid, until he see *his desire* upon his enemies.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-8/)

**9**[**He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-9/)

**INTRO:**

**\*\* We often hear people talk about “making their mark” in this life and in the world. However, you can “make your mark” or “leave your mark” in the right way or the wrong way . . . in a wise way or in a foolish way. How will you be remembered? What kind of mark will you leave?**

**\*\* I’m interested in verse 6 . . .**

 **A. Notice the Recovery**

**Surely he shall not be moved for ever:**

**\*In other words, this righteous man may falter or fail and get moved from his standing or his mark in this life, but it is temporary . . . it won’t last forever! He’ll get back in there and stand his ground for the glory of God!**

 **B. Notice the Remembrance**

**the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.**

**\*Some folks do great things in life and in the world, and they are remembered for it. Even evil and unsaved men have done great things here in the world, and they are remembered for it . . . but it will not last or even get them into heaven!**

**\* However, the righteous can make a mark as Christians that no one may never acknowledge here in this world, but God promises in His word that righteous Christian people can make a mark in living for God that will be in everlasting remembrance!**

**\*\* John Wesley made many rules for himself to live by. Here is just one . . .**

**DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN, IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN, IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN, AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN, TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN, AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN**

**When you live like that, you can make a mark that is remembered forevermore!**

**\*\*Here is a little list of things I want to be remembered by and make my mark in while I’m here and while I can.**

**\*\*May the Lord help me to make my mark that others can see through . . .**

**1. My Worshipping Faith**

**2. My Walking Faith**

**3. My Working Faith**

**4. My Willing Faith**

**\*\*With the Lord’s help, I want to persuade you to make your mark and leave something non-materialistic that will be in everlasting remembrance with the Lord!**

**I. Have You Made Your Mark Concerning Your Past?**

**\*\*To know the answer to that question, you have to take some heartfelt and sincere steps with me. It can even be emotionally and spiritually painful!**

 **A. You Need to Look**

 **1. Did you leave an Impact in your past?**

 **a. Was it an impact that was Helpful?**

 **b. Was it an impact that was Hurtful?**

 **2. Did you leave an Impression in your past?**

 **a. Was it an Humble impression?**

 **b. Was it a Haughty impression?**

 **c. Was it a Hateful impression?**

**\*\*Look at your past and see what you have done to make a mark and an everlasting remembrance in the Lord’s heart!**

 **B. You Need to Learn**

**\*\*After taking a hard look at your past, you need to learn from it! It’s a shame if we never learn from our past rights and wrongs.**

 **1. Repeat what was Right!**

 **2. Reject what wasn’t Right**

 **C. You Need to Leave**

**\*\*This step includes three things:**

 **1. Forsaking**

 **a. You must Repent yourself from wrong doings.**

 **b. You must Redirect yourself from wrong doings.**

 **2. Forgiving**

 **a. Sin needs to be Forgiven (God forgives sin.)**

 **b. Self needs to be Forgiven (You forgive self.)**

 **3. Forgetting**

**\*\*Living in the past will not allow you nor the church to be Productive nor Pleasing to the Lord!**

**\*\*How will you be remembered concerning your past?**

**II. Have You Made Your Mark Concerning Your Present?**

 **A. Have you left a mark with How You Live?**

**Psalms 112:7 7**[**He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-7/)

**\*\*How is it that you live before other and before the Lord?**

 **1. Living with Jesus Makes a Mark**

**his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.**

 **2. Living with Joy Makes a Mark**

**He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: . . . Why? Because he has joy!**

**\*\*The fact that I live for Jesus and have the joy of the Lord down in my heart may never leave a mark on anyone here below, but it will sure mean something to the Lord in the everlasting!**

 **B. Have you left a mark with How You Labor?**

**Psalms 112:5 5**[**A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-112-5/)

 **1. We can Labor in Christ and Make a Mark!**

 **2. We can Labor in Church and Make a Mark!**

**Illustration: Some unrighteous people feed the hungry. Some ungodly people save the whale. Some unsaved people hug a tree and saves the trees. All of them feel they are leaving a mark and making a difference, and they do in some fashion. However, only what the righteous do as laborers in Christ and laborers in the Church for the cause of Christ will make an everlasting mark and record an everlasting memory in heaven! Don’t get caught believing the devil’s lie that doing something for the cause’s of man and this world (that’s so popular in this world) is all that matters. When you stand before the Lord these worldly causes will not mean shucks!**

 **C. Have you left a mark with How You Love?**

**Psalms 112:4b he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.**

**Psalms 112:9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever;**

**\*\*We can make a mark by . . .**

 **1. Displaying Our Love for Our Father**

**Matthew 22:37 37**[**Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-22-37/)

 **2. Dispersing Our Love for Our Fellowman**

**Matthew 22:39 39**[**And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-22-39/)

**\*\*How will you be remembered concerning your present?**

**III. Have You Made Your Mark Concerning Your Prize?**

**Philippians 3:14 14**[**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Philippians-3-14/)

**\*\*Paul was concerned about pressing toward making a mark for the prize. By the way, after this life is over there is a prize waiting for the righteous who make a mark for the cause of Christ! Paul said that he was pressing to make a mark so that he could get the prize in the end!**

**\*\*Are we making a mark by being . . .**

 **A. Partakers of a High Calling?**

 **1. The High Calling is a Call to Salvation**

**I Peter 2:9 9**[**But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Peter-2-9/)

**\*\*Have you partaken of the call to salvation?**

 **2. The High Calling is a Call to Serve**

**Psalms 100:2 2**[**Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-100-2/)

 **B. Partakers of a Holy Calling?**

 **1. We’re Called to be Separated**

**II Corinthians 6:17 17**[**Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-6-17/)

**\*\*You can make a mark for the glory of God by being separated.**

 **2. We’re Called to be Spiritual**

**Galatians 5:16 16**[***This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Galatians-5-16/)

**\*\*You can make a mark for the glory of God by being spiritual.**

 **C. Partakers of a Heavenly Calling**

**\*\*We make a mark by leaving a testimony that . . .**

 **1. We Have A Heaven To Go To!**

 **2. We Have A Home To Go To!**

**\*\*How will you be remembered concerning your prize?**

**CLOSE**

**1. What kind of marks are you making in the lives of others? . . .in your children? . . .in your grandchildren?**

 **. . .in your friends?**

**2. What kind of marks are you making in the everlasting?**

**3. Do you have a testimony that is making a mark?**

**4. Do you have a prayer life that is making a mark?**

**Illustration: Someone asked, “Who in your life made a mark in your life through their prayer life?”**

**A. A lady at our church was my prayer warrior. She seemed to be able to trust God in the darkest of times. I watched her and thought, "Oh, I want to be like that."**

**B. My mom prayed the conviction of God on us kids. She prayed things that scared me to death of sin! She prayed for judgment on our lives to keep us from sin and from hell. Most people are afraid to pray for judgment on their children, but she would let us know that she was afraid not to. It was strong medicine, but I knew she had the ear of the Lord.**

**5. That’s how you leave a mark on your kids, on your grandkids, and on kids you don’t even realize!**

**6. If you were to die right now, what kind of mark would you leave? Would anybody miss you? Would anybody care? It all depends on what kind of marks you leave behind.**

**7. We’re not promised tomorrow. If you’re going to make any marks at all, you better do it today!**

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