

# **Proverbs 22:1**

**A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.**

# WHAT REPUTATION HAVE YOU EARNED?

## **Benjamin Franklin**

**It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation , and only one bad one to lose it.**

## **Warren Buffet**

**It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it.**

**If you think about that, you'll do things differently.**

# WHAT REPUTATION HAVE YOU EARNED?

**The three areas that I will cover are:**

- Faith
- Fear
- Rightful Action

# DEFINITION OF REPUTATION

- 1. Overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general**
- 2. A place in public esteem or regard : good name trying to protect his reputation**

# HEBREWS 11:4-12

**4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.** **5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.** **6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.** **7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.**

**8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.** **9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.** **10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.** **11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.** **12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.**

# FAITH

**The bible gives us a great view of what faith is but lets see how the world defines faith.**

- 1. Complete trust or confidence in someone or something.**
- 2. Strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof.**

**Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen"**

# WAYS THAT FAITH IMPACT OUR LIVES

**Do you want to be known as having faith in God?**

**Is your faith only realize when things are going well?**

**Do you have faith during troublesome time?**

**Do you have a good reputation as a result of your faith?**

**Is there any similarity to Abel's faith?**

**Does your faith allow you to have a pure heart?**

**Does your faith allow you to obey the gospel of Christ?**

**Does your faith enable you to live a faithful Christian life?**

**When you get what you want in your struggle for pelf,  
And the world makes you king for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that man has to say.  
For it isn't a man's father, mother or wife,  
Whose judgement upon him must pass,  
The fellow whose verdict counts most in life,  
Is the man staring back from the glass.  
He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,  
If the man in the glass is your friend.  
You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But the final reward will be heartache and tears,  
If you've cheated the man in the glass.**

What Reputation Have You Earned?



# WAYS THAT FAITH IMPACT OUR LIVES

## Man's Heart

**Acts 15:9**

**9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.**

## Justification

**Roman 5:1**

**5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Salvation

**Mark 16:16**

**16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.**

## Christian Life

**Galatians 2:20**

**20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

# FEAR

**Do you want to be known as being in reverent fear of God?**

**Are you similar to the Noah?**

**Does fear prompt you to teach others?**

**Are we concerned about what others think about you?**

**Or is it about what you think?**

# FEAR

## Blessed Man

**Psalms 112:1** Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

## Long Life

**Proverbs 10:27** The fear of the LORD prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be short.

## Avoid Harm

**Proverbs 19:23** The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

## Help and Shield

**Psalms 115:11** You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

## Better than Wealth

**Proverbs 15:16** Better is a little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble with it.

# RIGHTFUL ACTION

- **Do you want to be known for taking the rightful action by being obedient to God?**
- **God instructed Noah to build an Ark and God told Noah how to build it.**
- **God told Noah the dimensions of the Ark.**
- **God instructed Noah to bring a pair of every kind of animal into the Ark.**
- **Did Noah take the rightful action?**
  - As a result of faith and fear Noah did as God commanded.
  - The result was that Noah's family was saved.
- **What was the outcome of all of those that were outside of the Ark?**
  - They were lost.

# RIGHTFUL ACTION

- Those that were outside of the Ark heard Noah preach for years.
- I can imagine that many of them made fun of him and his family because he was righteous.
  - Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God.
- What is your reputation?

# RIGHTFUL ACTION

- **If the word of God instructs you to call no man father upon the earth in a spiritual context, will you take the rightful action?**
  - Matt 23:9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.
- **If the word of God describes God as being Reverend, will you take the rightful action?**
  - Psalms 111:9 He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.
- **If the word of God tells you that you do not join the church but that you are added to the church, will you take the correct action?**
  - Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

# RIGHTFUL ACTION

- **If the word of God tells you that we are all to speak the same thing and that there are to be no division among us, will you take the rightful action?**
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
- **Will your rightful action allow you to put on Christ this morning?**
- **How do you get into Christ?**

# PLAN OF SALVATION

**Hear**

**Believe**

**Repent**

**Confess**

**Baptism**