

2. Give some examples of how a Christian can ruin his reputation and thus cause some to look on the Gospel with contempt.

3. Why do you think humility is so important to a good reputation?

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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

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As you evaluate yourself using God's Word, on what aspect of your reputation do you feel God wants you to focus right now?  
What specific step(s) will you take to improve your reputation?

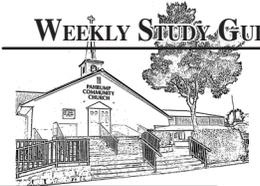
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If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

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# God Expects You to Maintain a Good Reputation

Introduction: 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7.

- God expects you to live in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_ will observe the \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- LUKE 2:52; 23:4; 1 TIMOTHY 6:13; ROMANS 12:17

*Five ways to develop a good reputation:*

- I. Make \_\_\_\_\_ your highest priority.  
JAMES 4:4; ACTS 6:9-11; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ issues.  
ROMANS 12:18; JOHN 15:18-21
- III. Be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.  
PHILIPPIANS 2:13; ROMANS 12:2
- IV. \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_.  
MATTHEW 23:2-4; 1 TIMOTHY 3:7; 1 PETER 2:12

V. \_\_\_\_\_ yourself using \_\_\_\_\_.

1 TIMOTHY 3:6; 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26

Conclusion: How would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_?

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. What can you learn from these passages about a reputation?

a. PROVERBS 22:1

b. PROVERBS 25:9-10

c. ROMANS 2:18-24

2. ROMANS 12:17 says

*Give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.*

Explain how this relates to being *well thought of by outsiders*.

3. Some people have turned to Christ after lives of public wickedness. Does this disqualify them for church leadership based on 1 TIMOTHY 3:7? Defend your answer.

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. Read 2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26. Paul warns Timothy that it is all too easy to get into *foolish* and *ignorant* issues that would limit his effectiveness in the work of the Lord. Give some examples of how this warning might apply today.