

# GOOD AS GOLD!

# In Reputation

“...so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body.” - II Corinthians 4:11

## MY REPUTATION IS:

**Ecclesiastes 7:1** *A good name is better than fine perfume, and the day of death better than the day of birth.*

**Proverbs 22:1** *A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.*

**Paul:** defended his ministry for gospel's sake! (II Cor. 10)

People usually don't remember the good. People usually remember the one bad thing. All it takes is one mess up for your reputation to be tarnished.

**Paul:** Jewish opposition stirring false rumors in the crowd  
False rumors about Paul in his churches

Your reputation will follow you everywhere. We all remember in high school that person who was known for bad things, and that person who was known for good things.

**Paul:** Well-earned reputation hard to shake

**Rahab:** From prostitute to part of “God's chosen people” to Christ's lineage!

As believers we are to be imitators of God and walk by the Spirit. If we have a reputation for righteousness that glorifies God, but if we indulge in wickedness like unbelievers that makes us a hypocrite and that gives people a reason to slander.

**Jesus:** grew in stature and in favor with God and with man.

**Jesus:** Commanded demons to not reveal who He was! (Mark 3) ETERNAL PURPOSE!

**Rahab:** “Rahab RE-hab”

OR “Righteousness Reality Check” (GOOD OR BAD, TRUE OR FALSE)

**Sardis:** (Revelation 3:1-2) <sup>1</sup> *I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.* <sup>2</sup> *...I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God.*

\_\_\_\_\_ : **1 Timothy 3:2-7** <sup>2</sup> *Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,* <sup>3</sup> *not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.* <sup>4</sup> *He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect.* <sup>5</sup> *(If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)* <sup>6</sup> *He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil.* <sup>7</sup> *He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.*

\_\_\_\_\_ : **Titus 2:6-8** <sup>6</sup> *Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled.* <sup>7</sup> *In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness* <sup>8</sup> *and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

\_\_\_\_\_ : **1 Timothy 4:12** <sup>12</sup> *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*

\_\_\_\_\_ : **Romans 2:23-24** <sup>23</sup> *You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law?* <sup>24</sup> *As it is written: “God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ : **1 Peter 2:12** <sup>12</sup> *Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

**REPUTATION IS “TEMPORARY” BUT ITS INFLUENCE IS NOT!**