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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In Proverbs 22:1 it says, ***"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold."***

Having a good name is something that we should never take for granted. It takes work to have a name of integrity. It means that you have not given into the snares set as traps by Satan, that lead us into sin.

There was a lady I knew years ago that was an alcoholic. There wasn't a day that went by that she didn't get drunk. Now this lady got saved, but never got delivered from alcohol. She would get drunk and witness to people and invite them to her church, but they just felt she had a "drunk's religion." Her good name was stained with sin.

We all have come short of the mark when it comes to sin. Our names are stained with the sin that we have done, whether great sins or small. In God's eyes they are all sin regardless of what man calls great or small. Our name will never get cleansed until we have it washed in the blood of Jesus. Then we get a new name – Christian. A Christian is one that has taken Christ into their life and has identified with his name. We no longer have the stain of sin on our name. We have been bought back from the auction block of sin.

What's in a name? Everything! Once we were in an earthly family with an earthly name, but now we are part of a heavenly family, brothers, and sisters to Jesus Christ. His name is above every name that is given. It is a name that is far more valuable than gold, silver, riches, success, and anything material you could desire. I pray that you have identified yourself with Him. It is the only name that matters.