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The choices you continually make over your lifetime serve to create an expectation of how you will choose to process life in your future. The pattern of life we set for ourselves by thought, word, and deed shows others who we are and serves to give them justified expectation of our future. Therefore, we must examine the patterns of our life and not allow ourselves to continue making the same mistakes over and over again. We must be conscious when we have set a negative tone for ourselves and cast ourselves in an image we do not want to be known for. Other people know you, judge you, and create expectations for you based upon how they have observed you in life's situations thus far. When your yesterdays become so big that they cast a shadow on your tomorrows, then your future is overshadowed by your past and no one expects that you will ever change...surprise them! Believe me when I tell you that what others think about you does make a difference. It's not just their problem, it can quickly become yours.

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, I do not want to be known as someone who is lazy, undependable, harsh, critical, selfish, or cruel. Rather, I desire to have a good reputation so that others might see Your love, Your faithfulness, and Your grace in my life. Help me examine myself and change where I must so that others will expect Jesus in me.

Scriptures for Today

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (KJV)