

# Leave a Mark Not a Blur

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 15:14.

B. Some Christians leave a mark and others leave a blur.

## II. The Christian who leaves a mark is full of goodness.

A. This is good character. (Mark 6:20)

B. Good character is costly. (Romans 5)

1. Tribulation makes for endurance.

2. Endurance makes for character.

3. God uses trials to bring us to maturity. (James 1 Peter 5:12)

C. We are to run the race, but it is no clear race—it is a conflict. (Hebrews 12:1, Ecclesiastes)

## III. The Christian who leaves a mark is filled with all knowledge.

A. The Christian hero is one who has penetrated to ultimate reality—directly to God.

B. The Christian must have a first-hand knowledge of God.

C. The speaker came into a first-hand experience with God by admitting he was a sinner, believing that Jesus died on the cross for him and asking Him into his life.

## IV. The Christian who leaves a mark is able to admonish.

A. This refers to an ability to give friendly advice.

B. Loving advice is lasting.

### **Application questions**

1. What are the characteristics of a Christian who leaves a mark?

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2. How is it that tribulations can be a good thing?

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3. What kind of knowledge is necessary for a Christian? How are you cultivating this knowledge in your own life? What will you do?

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