

LOOK WHO'S LOOKING

1 SAMUEL 16

Text: 1 Samuel 16:7

Introduction:

We have heard a lot of talk in recent days that what really matters is what's on the inside. And while that is true in some sense, it is not totally true.. I believe that the Word of God does teach that God looks on the heart, and its condition really matters to Him, but we must never forget that man looks on the outward appearance, and what they see matters to God as well. I have found it true, that what's in a man's heart will eventually be seen, whether good or bad.

1. I LOOKING AT ME

A. Philosophy Today

1. I want my rights.

- a. Right to freedom of speech.
- b. Right to make my own decisions.
- c. Right to dress the way I want to.

d. Right to listen to my choice of music.

2. Results of misusing this philosophy. (vs. 13)

3. Illustration of this misuse. (Luke 15:11-32)

a. His demand (Give me what's mine)

b. His departure (Chose to leave home)

c. His distention (Far from the father)

d. His deleting (Spent all on foolishness)

e. His degradation (Feeding and eating the swine's leftovers)

f. His desertion (Sat alone)

2. THE WORLD LOOKING AT ME

A. The World Can Only See That Which Is Visible.

1. That is why we must not become a stumblingblock.

a. Rom. 14:13-22

1. We are to not only stay away from the unclean, but also that the is look at by some as being unclean.

2. We're instructed to abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22)

a. The casino boat for a meal.

b. A restaurant known as a bar, or saloon

c. Drinking virgin drinks

d. Playing the lottery

e. Listening to the wrong radio station

f. Watching the wrong TV shows.

g. Going to the homecoming dance, or prom.

h. Wearing certain clothes.

3. We must be ready to give an answer (2 Cor. 5:12)

4. We must be willing to make any sacrifice to bring this about. (1 Cor. 8:1-13)

5. Those that become a stumblingblock do not please the Lord. (Matt. 18:6)

3. GOD LOOKING AT ME

A. God looks on the heart. (1 Sam. 16:7)

B. The heart makes up the real you

1. Prov 4:23 Issues of life

2. Matt. 15:18-20 Things which proceed from the mouth

3. Matt. 12:34-35 Good things & Evil things

C. God knows the real you no matter what you look like on the outside.

D. Two types of people.

1. Those that are whited sepulchers.
2. Those that the outside matches what's is on the inside
3. Whited sepulchers will eventually be known for what is truly on the inside.

4. THE ATTITUDE WE NEED TO HAVE

A. Realize that all things are lawful for me as a Christian, but all things do not edify. (1 Cor. 10:23)

B. Realize that my liberty is judged by what the world sees. (1 Cor. 10:29)

C. Give no offense to anyone or the church. (1 Cor. 10:32)

D. Realize that the motive of my actions must be to win others to Christ. (1 Cor. 10:33)