

SEEING YOURSELF AS GOD SEES YOU

Seeing Through God's Eyes – Part 1

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Matthew 6:22 (MSG) “Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light.”

Ephesians 1:18-19a (NIV) “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, ¹⁹ and His incomparably great power for us who believe.”

Proverbs 23:7a (NKJV) “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

John 8:32 (NIV) “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

HOW DOES GOD SEE YOU?

1. God sees you as ACCEPTABLE.

Titus 3:7 (CEV) “Jesus treated us much better than we deserve. He made us acceptable to God and gave us the hope of eternal life.”

The most hurtful thing in your life is REJECTION.

Titus 3:5-7a (TLB) “Then He (God) saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of His kindness and pity—by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us with wonderful fullness—and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did ⁷ so that He could declare us good in God's eyes.”

1 Peter 2:9 (TLB) “You have been chosen by God Himself.”

Psalms 27:10 (NIV) “Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”

2. God sees you as VALUABLE.

Luke 12:24 (NLT) “Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to Him than any birds!”

What is it that creates value?

- The one who owns it.

1 John 4:4 (NLT) “But you belong to God, my dear children.”

- What is somebody willing to pay for it?

1 Corinthians 7:23a (TLB) “You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to Him.”

3. God sees you as LOVABLE.

John 3:16 (NIV) “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Isaiah 54:10 (GNT) “ ‘The mountains and hills may crumble, but My love for you will never end; I will keep forever My promise of peace.’ So says the Lord who loves you.”

Characteristics of God's Love...

- God's love is CONSISTENT.
- God's love is UNCONDITIONAL.

4. God sees you as FORGIVABLE.

Ephesians 1:4 (TLB) “Long ago, even before He made the world, God chose us to be His very own through what Christ would do for us; He decided then to make us holy in His eyes, without a single fault—we who stand before Him covered with His love.”

Isaiah 43:25 (GNT) “And yet, I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.”

Romans 8:1 (NLT) “So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

5. God sees you as CAPABLE.

2 Corinthians 3:5b-6a (GNT) “The capacity we have comes from God; ⁶ it is He who made us capable of serving the new covenant.”

Why Every One Of Us Is Capable...

- We have God's WORD for insight and wisdom.

2 Timothy 3:17 (NCV) “Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.”

- We have God HIMSELF to make us capable.

Philippians 4:13 (NLT) “For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”

Make Jesus the most important person in your life.