

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 - Looking at Ourselves as God Does

Whatever God's judgment of a person might be, we can be sure it is based upon real values, not merely external appearances or other human criteria. Consider the following:

"The Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart'" (1 Sam. 16:7).

Jesus said, "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24).

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "For we do not commend ourselves to you, but give you opportunity to glory on our behalf, that you may have something to answer those who glory in appearance and not in heart" (2 Cor. 5:12).

God objectively and realistically sees both strengths and weaknesses, successes and failures of all human beings and will render His judgment based upon who we really are.

Are you burdened? Believe in God! Have troubles? Trust in God. The secret to "Renewing the Individual" is couched in those comforting words of Jesus: "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me" (Jn. 14:1).