

**General Topics :: Man looks on the outside but god looks on the heart****Man looks on the outside but god looks on the heart - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/11/11 11:41**

Have you ever been in a really bad state and looked in a mess but on the inside you are in a glorious state, What is the longest you have prayed and fasted and have looked a real mess after that and people think in their sensibleness comment that you do not look fine. Even though you may have not eaten in days before or weeks it is only when you fast or pray suddenly people actually start noticing that you are a mess which but the mess is on the inside and they can't see that. It is like Elisha when all the chariots are surrounding the village and God opens the servant's eyes, Elisha can already see

I think the lack of vision into the faith realm is a major problem in our culture

Seeing things from the Lord's perspective rather than ours.

John the Baptist would not have been let into most churches if he was around today or even Elijah, A hairy man dressed in leather who stank and lived on a diet and lived outside most of his life, so he probably classed as homeless as Jesus was and would not even get into church yet he was one of the most powerful Christian men who ever lived yet by the sensible minds he would have been considered a rouge!!

Jesus also had no wear to stay, did not carry money,

The way that Christians lived is so comfortable compared to the lifestyles of early Christians who had their possessions confiscated.

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Re: Man looks on the outside but god looks on the heart - posted by Roxi (), on: 2005/11/17 9:53

"I would rather be a John the Baptist who outside looks like a mess but inside is not a white washed wall, even though I sometimes feel like it."

Amen! A person can look as good as they can on the outside, but if they are a "mess" on the inside, they are a mess on the outside too. As the proverb says, "Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." (Pr 31:30) This goes for men too.

It always boils down to a heart issue. Is your heart set toward the things of God, or are you still desiring to do things your way? Once the heart is surrendered fully, everything else falls into its proper place. After all, God made everyone in His own image, therefore we are all the same (metaphorically speaking) on the outside (that is not to downplay that our bodies are the temple of the Living God, but I think you get what I am saying). It is the inside (heart, mind, and soul) that God is truly after.

Keep pressing on toward the goal that is Christ Jesus!

Roxi