

## LOOKING GOOD

Scripture:

1 Samuel 16:7

Luke 16:19-20

### Introduction

Too often we are so concerned with how things look that we forget how things really are. We concern ourselves with our appearance while neglecting the condition of our spiritual being. God is concerned not with our appearance but with our character.

#### I. Our concern with our physical appearance

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Luke 16:19 KJV

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about what your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

Matthew 6:25 NIV

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling.

2 Corinthians 5:1-2 NIV

- A. We are concerned about our cosmetic appearance
- B. We are concerned about our physical conditioning
- C. We must have an eternal perspective about these things

#### II. Our concern about our image

Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels of their prayer shawls long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi.'

Matthew 23:5-7 NIV

II. Our concern about our image

Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices--mint, dill and cummin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Matthew 23:23 NIV

- A. We are concerned about how men perceive us
- B. We shelter certain facets of our character from others
- C. The three views of us
  - 1. What others think we are
  - 2. What we think we are
  - 3. What God knows we are

III. God's concern about our inner nature

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

- A. He is concerned about our salvation
- B. He wants to see His righteousness in us
- C. He wants to build the character of Christ in us