

See the Heart

NARRATOR. As we go about life we tend to look at things and people with preconceived notions. We look at the outside of the people around us and make our judgments as to what kind of person they are. God looks at His people in a much different way. In *I Samuel 16:7* God tells us “*But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for the man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.*” Follow along now as one person did just that, he saw past the outside.

SCENE. Takes place in a park type setting. Several people enter and are either talking together, some jogging or exercising and others just reading a paper. Two youth enter dressed in gang or gothic style clothes. One is carrying a bottle in a brown paper bag. The two share the bottle. Enter a group of youth and they stand in a circle and pray, they one passes tracts to the group. The group then splits up and approach several people. They ignore the two gothic youth.

YOUTH #1. Hello, my friend and I would like to ask you a few questions if we could take a moment of your time..

PERSON #1. Go ahead, but I’m not going to buy anything, so if this is about some product, don’t waste my time.

YOUTH #2. No, no, we are not selling anything.

PERSON #1. Well go ahead then.

SCENE. The two youth hand a tract to the person and begin talking. Two other youths go up to a couple of people talking.

YOUTH #3. Excuse me, could we take a few minutes of your time.

PERSON #2. What for?

YOUTH #3. We would like to ask you some questions about religion.

PERSON #2. Go ahead, if it won’t take long.

YOUTH #4. Do you go to church?

PERSON #2. Maybe twice a year.

PERSON #3. I went a few years back, but all they wanted was my money.

YOUTH #3. If you were to die today, do you know if you would go to Heaven?

PERSON #2. I'm think so, I'm a good person.

PERSON #3. I don't believe in Heaven and Hell. Life ends when you die.

YOUTH #4. Would you like to know for sure?

PERSON #3. Explain.

SCENE. The youth join back up and look discouraged.

YOUTH #1. Well, fine group of witnesses for Jesus we are. We've talked to everyone but those two. *(Points at the two gothic youths.)*

YOUTH #3. Who even wants to talk to those two, look at them.

YOUTH #2. I think we should try.

YOUTH #4. Not me, but go ahead if you want. They look like they will beat you up.

SCENE. Youth #2 walks over to them and hands them a tract. One holds his hands up and walks away. The other reads over the tract and then kneels with Youth #2. They stand and shake hands. All exit and someone walks through holding a sign that says 20 years later. A group of youth enters and sits on the floor. Two adults enter and stand behind the youth. A man carrying a Bible comes in and begins to preach. After a minute they bow to pray and several youth getup and go forward.

ADULT #1. That evangelist is amazing, the youth really respond to him. I hear that thousands have come to know Christ through his ministry.

ADULT #2. Thousands are right. His ministry almost wasn't though.

ADULT #1. What do you mean?

ADULT #2. You see almost twenty years ago I was with my youth group and we went to witness in the local park. We were discouraged because after several hours no one accepted Christ. Then I decided to go talk to two gothic looking youth.

ADULT #1. What happened?

ADULT #2. One left, but the other stayed. He was shocked that I took the time to talk with him. I shared how God so loved all that He sent His Son to die for our sins. He made the decision to accept Christ.

ADULT #1. And the youth is him? *(Pointing at the evangelist.)*

ADULT #2. That's right. I almost didn't go over to him because of the way he looked,. but I felt God telling me to take that chance. Look at what God sees. He sees the heart, not the outside. He changes lives and uses people even like him and I to make a difference.

NARRATOR. How do you judge people? By the way we look or the way God does? God judges people by the heart, not the outside appearances. How many people have you not shared God's plan of salvation with because of the way they looked? How about your heart? Others judge us by the outward. The way we dress, act and talk. Our actions are judged by others for they judge not as God would. Is there something in your life you need to make right before God. He knows your heart. Is there someone you need to witness to, but haven't because of the way they act or looked. Or maybe you don't witness because you are worried that they may dislike you for doing it. Who knows what God will use that person for, an evangelist, missionary or preacher. Don't miss any chances to share Christ.
Prayer.