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Observing People

Acts 28:1-6

Story – Watching people

LOOK FOR WHAT'S WRONG

Acts 28:2 And the barbarous people showed us no little kindness:

Acts 28:4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

We LOOK at the BAD in others

Base spiritually on appearance

John the Baptist

Young David

Matt 11:18-19 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her childr en.

Base assumptions on looks

Assume a person looks godly, then they are godly

Catholic Priest

Choir Robes

Outward looks determine association

Clothes, Car, Jewelry

James 2:1-5 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

LOOK FOR WHAT'S RIGHT

*Acts 28:5-6 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.
Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.*

Paul went from WORST to FIRST

If his gods did not curse him, they must be blessing him

We believe that earthly blessings are from God

Matt 5:45 for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

We have a desire to worship people

*Matt 23:27-28 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.
Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

Story – Bum saying he can reach more people by dressing down

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We should fix our attention on God only

*Luke 10:17-20 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.
And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.
Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.*

1Sam 16:7 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 man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.