



Looking Through Eyes of Faith

At the circumstances of life



Seeing Beyond The Appearance

- ***2Corinthians 10:7*** " Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? ..."
- ***John 7:21-24*** "Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."^{^^}



Look Beyond Present Circumstances

- ***James 1:9-11*** "Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits."
- ***Rev 3:17*** ~ Jesus said to the Laodiceans "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—"



Let's Look at Some Examples

- Wealth could be a blessing from God
- Job ~ ***Job 42:7*** "Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys."
- Solomon ~ ***1Kings 3:13*** "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days."



Wealth

- Wealth may come from overworking or taking advantage of others
 - ***Pro 23:4*** "Do not overwork to be rich; Because of your own understanding, cease!"
 - ***James 2:1-7*** "...Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts? Do they not blaspheme that noble name by which you are called?"
 - ***James 5:1-6***
 - ***Luke 12:13-24***



What Is Someone Worth?

- ***Luke 12:6-7*** "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."
- ***1 Timothy 5:17*** "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."
- We often confuse monetary value with respect or importance.
 - Example ~ Is a baseball player worth \$30 million for one year, while a teacher makes only \$40,000 a year?
- How important are you?
 - ***John 3:16*** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."