

# GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

## Family Devotion – Lesson 50

### MEMORY VERSE – 1 SAMUEL 16:7

***“For the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”***

- When the Lord looks at a person He sees much more than meets the human eye. God can see what is in a person's heart. He counts this most important when He judges a person. Man cannot see inside a person's heart, so he has a tendency to make a judgment on the outside appearance. This is a limited view and most of the time it is wrong.
- Man is often deceived by the way a person looks:
  - A person may look very different on the outside, but be very holy on the inside (Mt.3:4).
  - A person may not have nice clothes, but be rich in faith and love toward God (Jas.2:1-5).
  - A person may look very nice on the outside, but be very evil on the inside (Lk.20:46-47) (Mt.23:27).
  - A person may look like a man of God on the outside, but be a dangerous wolf on the inside (Mk.7:15).
  - A person may look like a follower of Jesus on the outside, but be a follower of the Devil (Jn.13:21-29).
- We should always be careful to examine and judge ourselves before we examine someone else. *“Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye”* (Mt.7:5).



### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- Have you ever been fooled by the way someone looked? Explain.
- Do you think the way we look on the outside has any value? (1Cor.6:19-20)
- How should we treat people who do not look like us? (Mk.12:31)



### PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you treat all people with love, regardless of how they look on the outside.
- Confess the sins in your heart to God.
- Ask God to help you keep a clean heart.



### CHALLENGE

- The next time you see someone who looks different on the outside, remember that Jesus died for them too.