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*Judging According to Appearance*

Jesus commanded us to judge when He said, “Judge not according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment” (**John 7:24**). When we judge according to appearance, we can easily miss the real truth.

God told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse to anoint the new king to replace evil King Saul, and he failed to understand this truth. When Samuel saw Eliab, Jesse’s firstborn, he said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him” (**1 Sam. 16:6**). The Lord responded to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (16:7). God rejected seven sons of Jesse until David, the youngest, was chosen as the next king.

Consider how easily hypocrites use this weakness of judging by appearance to deceive. Jesus described hypocrites in various ways to call attention to how they seek to hide their evil hearts by appearing to be holy. “Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence” (**Matt 23:25**). He also described them as being like beautifully adorned tombs, “...but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness” (**Matt. 23:27-28**). They prayed long prayers standing visibly on street corners. They gave great sums to help the needy but not until they had sounded the trumpet to call attention to themselves. Judge not according to appearances!

Some want to judge a church by how many notable people attend. Compare the ornate temples of the first centuries with the places Christians met, often in secrecy. “You see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world...” (**1 Cor. 1:26-27**). The Lord also said, “Listen my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him” (**Jas. 2:5**).


So, when you look at others remember what Samuel forgot—man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart. A person’s true nature is not determined solely by his outward appearance as a Christian. Remember that Jesus judges us by how we regard the least in the kingdom (**Matt. 25:40**). Righteousness is determined by the heart of a man, not by how he makes himself appear.

As you make judgments about others, use righteous judgments—look on the inside!

-Dan Jenkins, *pblcoc.org*



We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
To give glory to God  
To be unified in reaching others  
To be living witnesses for Christ



*Welcome to the  
Palm Springs Church of Christ*

Let us be mindful that every good and perfect gift we have has come from the hand of God. “O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 118:1 NRSV).

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians 6:18)”*

**Pray for our Church family:**  
Please keep Byron in your prayers as he continues to suffer from chronic headaches. We also ask that you continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Wanda Goodenough, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis Pati.

**Pray for family & friends:**  
Pray for Marjorie Counts who is in hospice care, for Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to recover from a stroke and for Kerry’s co-worker, George Dagnino who has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Pray for the improved , Jim & Mary Ann D’Arcy, Mary Fields, Joy Gabel Filippone, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both MI Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice Massey of N.C.

**Military:**  
Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

**Prayer Warriors Corner**

Father, we praise You for bringing us out of darkness, into Your marvelous light. Use us to be light-bringers in a dark world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Power For Today: David Gibson  
Read: Isaiah 9-1-7

**News:**

**December potluck will be on 3rd following worship service!** Please bring two dishes to contribute (main & side or main & dessert). We hope you will join us for this time of fellowship.

Ladies Bible Class meets here at the church building at 10:30 a.m. Thursday mornings.


**The Community Food Bank:** At this time, the most critically needed items are: soups, vegetables, canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans and quart size storage bags. Other Non-perishable items such as: Ramen/Cup of Noodles, Rice-A-Roni, canned tomatoes, & canned fruit are needed. Thank you for your continued support, your donation is greatly appreciated.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way:** Watch excellent Bible-based messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2 or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon. <https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

**Matthew 7:1-6**

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces.

**Sermon Title:  
The Plank and the Speck”**



**Birthdays:**

Susana Delgado:	11/1
Emilia Letalu:	11/18
Wanda Goodenough:	11/29

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

E. Olea & S. Delgado:	11/18
Mario & Yanira Fuentes:	11/28

**Ladies Bible Class: Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

**WORSHIP ORDER**

**WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER**  
296: We Have Come into His House (1 and 2)  
387: Tell Me the Story of Jesus (1-3)  
**COMMUNION & OFFERING: Mark 14:22-25**  
719: Love One Another (1-3)  
**Brief Intermission**  
589: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (1-3)  
**SERMON**  
**INVITATION**  
853: When We All Get to Heaven (1 and 3)  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER**

**Sermons on line:** For the most recent locally recorded sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top of the page.

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