

You are more than what you see

MANY LOOK BUT FEW SEE

Don't discuss anything with a painter or a sculptor until his work is finished. An artist can be very rude if you disturb him before he has accomplished what he intends to do. This is largely due to the fact that an artist sees things differently than most people.

An artist can take junk and turn it into a work of art. For example, an artist may walk by some stones or wood in your front yard that isn't being used and see something great in it. An artist may even ask or beg you for that old junk in your front yard. Not thinking and since you plan on throwing it away at some point, you go ahead and let the artist have your junk for free.

Not long after some time has past, the same artist decides to invite you to his art show. Being a nice neighbor, you decide to attend. While there, you notice this masterfully sculpted work of art. As you get closer to study this work of art, the artist notices you and so he decides to quietly walk toward you. In a quiet and very polite voice, the artist asks, "Do you know where that came from?"

Your response is... "Europe or Asia?" "No" says the artist. "It actually came from your yard."

"Do you mean...?" "Yes." "Five hundred dollars, please."

All of long you were sitting on five hundred dollars, and you didn't even know it. The dogs were doing stuff on five hundred dollars but you couldn't see the potential in them dirty old rocks you had.

God is very much like this artist or sculptor. **He sees things in you that everybody else ignores.** When the world rejects you, and you land on the garbage heap of the world, God notices you and He accepts you. He walks along and picks you up. And then He looks deep within you and sees a person of tremendous worth.

Don't ever let anybody throw you away. You are not junk! When God looks at you, He sees things that nobody else can see. Sometimes not even yourself. You are worth so much that Jesus went to Calvary to salvage and reclaim you. God is the only true judge of your worth. Don't accept the opinions of others because they do not see what God sees.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE **"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."** Ephesians 2:10

God has foresight and he always sees more than what is. When he looked at Adam, he saw a world. When he looked at Abraham, he saw a nation. In Moses, a murderer, he saw a mighty deliverer. Can you imagine looking at a stammering young man and seeing the greatest leader in history? God saw a king in a shepherd boy, named David. Perhaps you never paid attention to this insight, David wasn't man's choice but he was God's choice.

Have you ever thought that you are probably the one God is waiting for. Although you are not the people's choice (who cares) when you are God's choice. God sees things deep within you that others can't see. They look at you and see a nobody; God looks at you and sees THE NEXT GREAT SOMEBODY.

YOU CAME OUT OF GOD

When God created the heavens and the earth, He first decided what He wanted to make something out of and then He spoke to that source. When God wanted plants He spoke to the dirt. When God wanted fish He spoke to the waters. When God wanted animals He spoke to the ground. Whatever God spoke to became the source from which the created thing came.



All things have the same components and essence as their source. What God created is, in essence, like the substance from which it came. That means plants are 100% dirt because they came from dirt. Animals are 100% dirt because they came from the ground. If we would put a plant under a microscope and decipher all the different components, we would find that everything in that plant is in dirt, because the plant is dirt. God called it from the dirt.

Not only are all things composed of that from which they came, they must also remain attached to that source in order to live. All things must be maintained and sustained by where they came from. The minute a plant decides it doesn't like the earth anymore, it dies. The minute the fish decide they are tired of water, they die. The minute animals decided, "We don't want to eat any more dirt," they begin to die. Thus, whatever God created came from that to which He spoke. All things are composed of whatever they came from and hence contain the potential of that source. That means plants only have the potential of the soil. Animals only have the potential of dirt. What potential do you have?

When God wanted you, He spoke to Himself.

SCRIPTURE *Then God said, "Let Us make man in our image, in our likeness..." "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:26-27)*

Your potential is in God. Not only that, but to live out that potential and reach the height of it, you must remain connected to your source.

SCRIPTURE *"I am the true vine and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless you abide in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." John 15:1-8*

YOU HAVE PART OF GOD

If God was an ocean, your life is a cup of water taken out of that ocean. The frustrating part about life is that many walk around not understanding or relating to the God within them. Many never let go and let God flow.

GOD PRONOUNCES WHAT HE SEES

How you feel or what others say about you is not important. You are who God says you are; He sees in you more than you can possibly imagine. Your potential is limited only by God, not others. God came to a frightened young man named Gideon. Gideon obviously thought God was talking to someone else when the angel of the Lord called him a mighty warrior (Judges 6:12). The angel didn't say, "Oh, coward. Do you know you have strength?" Nor did the angel say, "Oh black man, do you know that you can be like the white man?" The angel just came in and announced what he saw: "Oh mighty man of valor." That means "oh great warrior."

Think about it. Warrior? Gideon was hiding from the enemy trying to separate some wheat from the chaff so he wouldn't starve. He was doing it underground so no one could see him. When the angel said, "you are a brave man," Gideon started looking around to see who the angel was talking to.

God never tells us what others see. He never calls us what others calls us. Gideon thought he was a coward. God knew him to a great warrior and simply, pronounced what He saw.

God also saw in Peter what others failed to see. His given name was Simon, which means "unstable or flaky." When Jesus met Simon, he was the flakiest man you ever met. He was always going with the wind—changing his mind. But God saw a stone in the flakiness. The first time Jesus met Simon, He changed his name from Simon (unstable) to Peter (stone). Although Simon was an unstable guy, Jesus said, "I'm going to change your name. Your name is Peter." Peter acted flaky throughout Jesus' earthly ministry



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but still Jesus called him rock every morning. Jesus saw in Peter something his mother had not seen. He kept chipping until finally, at Pentecost, Peter's true nature was revealed.

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