



# You Are What You See

*“Your view of choice becomes your character of life”*

Sunday, June 25, 2017

**A QUIET COMMITMENT:**

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD — *“Be still, and know that I am God”* (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: *Commit* to doing whatever God will say to you in this message — *“to obey is better than sacrifice”* (1 Samuel 15:22)

*“Your view of choice becomes your character of life.”* In other words, what you choose to focus on in life changes you. We take on the characteristics of what we dwell upon. We are changed into the image of what we spend time focusing on.

I. Consider the *Glorious* \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

**Psalm 19:1** The heavens declare the glory of **God**; and the firmament sheweth **His** handywork.

*“The glory of God”* has been described as the sum of all of God’s perfections. It is the manifestation of His greatness and character.

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Cf. Psalm 8:3-4

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**John 1:14** And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld **His** glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the **Father**,) full of grace and truth.

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B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord

**Psalm 36:9** "...in **Thy** light shall we see light."

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**John 14:26** But the **Comforter**, *which is* the **Holy Ghost**, **Whom** the **Father** will send in **My** name, **He** shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever **I** have said unto you.

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Why is it necessary for the Holy Spirit help us understand? (1 Corinthians 2:9-14)

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II. Consider the **Godly** \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 3:18 gives us the Biblical model for Christian growth and Godly change. This is the process of our practical sanctification. This is God's prescribed plan for us to be "*changed into the same image*" or as Romans 8:29 states, "*to be conformed to the image of His Son.*"

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**1 Peter 2:9** But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of **Him Who** hath called you out of darkness into **His** marvellous light:

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A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Change – the \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ephesians 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of **His** calling, and what the riches of the glory of **His** inheritance in the saints,

The Spirit of God takes the Word of God and illumines our spiritual understanding as we sit under His ministry.

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One of the benefits of this new life in Christ is that this “*veil*” is taken away so that they can understand these spiritual truths.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Change – the \_\_\_\_\_

This method of change is the process of *gazing*. This is the process of a diligent, steady look.

**James 1:25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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“You have to want to become what He wants you to be!” (Dr. Jim Berg)

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**1 Timothy 4:15-16** Meditate [*be diligent to dwell*] upon these things; give thyself wholly to them [*be totally immersed in them*]; that thy profiting [*sanctification progress*] may appear to all. **16** Take heed unto thyself [*keep a close watch upon your own actions*], and unto the doctrine; continue in them [*be faithful in them*]: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee [*a faithful testimony is evidence of a genuine conversion and a powerful witness to others*].

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**Take time to behold Him:** Dr. Lewis Sperry Chafer almost always interrupts when this hymn is given out, and says, "Please let me change that first line; let us sing it, Take time to behold Him."

As we behold Him we will become holy, for "We all, reflecting as in a mirror the glory of the unveiled face of the Lord, are changed, are transfigured, and transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

**What is my next step?**

*"Your view of choice becomes your character of life."* **What will you choose to be the character of your life?**

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