

Works!

The entire religious world thinks that God looks at the heart, or, that He judges us based upon the motivation of our hearts. But that is not what the Bible says.

Jesus declares in John 5:22,

"The Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son."

Judgment has never been the issue with God! He has made provision for you! In Revelation 3 Jesus stated *"I know your works."* This is not something we should be afraid of, but rather, be thankful for. The Apostle Peter tells us that we will be *"judged by our works."* (1 Peter 1:17)

When our heart is genuinely changed by relationship with Jesus, it will be seen through genuine works of God! God doesn't look at your heart, no! He looks at your works! Remember, Jesus said,

"You will know them by their fruits."

So, the motivation of our hearts, what we intend to do but never get around to do, the inner desire that never takes on expression has sentimental value but produces nothing. A heart filled with religion and compromise reveals the outward works of envy, resentment, mistrust, jealousy and the like. But a heart changed by the love of God, one who has received the cleansing power of the blood, one who is continually being filled with the life and power of the Holy Spirit has a completely different kind of "work" revealed:

- ▶ love in the midst of unloveliness;
- ▶ joy in the midst of sorrow;
- ▶ peace in the midst of the storm;
- ▶ faith in a world of unbelief;
- ▶ miracles that cannot be explained through natural reasoning;
- ▶ hearts and cities transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:17 says *"He judges without partiality"*. What does that mean? It makes no difference to God ... anyone can walk in love, anyone can receive joy, anyone can walk with peace. He is not partial. Light is light and darkness is darkness. Flesh is flesh and spirit is spirit. Let what is working in you be the works of God. And let them out! Let faith take over. Let miracles be your portion. Don't be afraid to express your love and your light. Take off the old and put on the new. Let your life be set apart completely and walk in all of the blessing which God has for you.

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