

## 1 Samuel 16:7

***But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his 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."***

One of the biggest things to hit since the Internet, and is so easily available to all, is online dating. Be it Christian or non-Christian, it's a big business. *One quick note before we go any further, this devotional is not about dating, although it may sound like it.*

Having been on dating sites, and probably a lot of you single people have to, or you know of others that are doing online dating even now.

So, let me ask you, what's the very first thing we do when go online searching for that perfect person? That's right, we look at the picture of someone. And if no picture, no one will give you a second thought and move on, no matter how beautiful or hot you look. Also, we base who we will stop and read about based upon what that person looks like. They could be mega rich, have a wonderful personality and lots of friends who think that they are just wonderful. But if we don't like what we see on the outside, then we will never find out.

*"Well Steve, physical attraction is important in dating or when you are looking for a future spouse."*

I agree 100% and I am just as guilty as everyone else in doing this. But is that guy kind of good looking, but he's not buffed, so you say forget it? Or is that girl just a little overweight, or she doesn't have that perfect hourglass figure so you pass on her?

Let me ask you this then. Say you find that guy who is all buffed and looks like he should be modeling men's underwear. Or you find that girl who is not a ten but a twenty in your eyes, she has all the right curves in all the right places and her hair is that perfect length that you like and the color you like, naturally.

Now let's say that you are dating or that you get married. Now let's say that he or she gets into an accident and half of their body is burned, so bad that they no longer have that perfect look that you fell in love with. What will you do? Will you leave him or her? Maybe keep them because you don't believe in divorce, but you would cheat on them? Would your love or feelings for them change?

We all know today's devotional verse ***"Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his 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."***

But do we really live it?

Maybe not in dating, but who your friends are?

Maybe it's about who you will sit next to in church.

Maybe it's how you treat someone based upon his or her looks.

Remember Jacob's two wives and what the bible says about them?

† **Genesis 29:17** *Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel was beautiful of form and appearance.*

We know the story and think that Rachel was the one that Jacob always loved the most. But when both Rachel and Leah died, which one was buried with Jacob?

† **Genesis 49:29-31** *Then he charged them and said to them: "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.*

Yea, it was the not that great looking, hot Rachel that was buried with Jacob. No, it was that normal, not so hot Leah that was buried with Jacob. Simply this devotional is not on how to find the right spouse or the right friend, it a matter of rethinking how we treat others based upon what they look like.

† **Matthew 25:35-36** *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'*

And may I add, I wasn't a supermodel and didn't have much and no friends, yet still you befriended me.