God is Watching

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INTRODUCTION

- Probably none of us have been subject to that kind of attention before in our lives. But that is pretty much the lifestyle of the rich and famous.
- The truth is we have less privacy today, probably than any people who have ever lived.
- Christians understand that we are being watched. There is someone who sees.

1 God Is Watching

Hebrews 4:13; Psalm 139:1–4; 2 Chronicles 16:9

- There is no creature hidden from his sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.
- The God who made the earth is a God who sees. And he sees everything.
- For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth, that he may strongly support those whose heart is completely his.
- We need to recognize that the fact that God watches us, that he sees everything is really a very good thing.
- My prayer for all of us is that we'll never lose that sense, that awareness that God is always watching.

2 Others Are Watching

Matthew 5:14–16; Ephesians 3:8–11; 1 Peter 2:12

- Not only does he see us, he also desires that other people see us as we endeavor to live the kind of life he would have us to live.
- Let your light shine in such a way that they may see your good work and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
- Much of the service that we offer to God also is intended to be public.
- He wants people to see in his children how much they love one another.
- The manifold wisdom of God is made known through the church.
- Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that … they may, because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of the visitation.

3 Brethren Are Watching Us

1 Corinthians 8:4–12

- But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

- By sinning against the brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.
- We need to recognize that our brethren are watching us. They see what we do, they see how we talk, they see how we dress … and we need to put them ahead of ourselves.
- We're not our own person. We belong to Jesus Christ.
- What we really need to do when we're thinking about what we're going to wear is this something that the Lord will look at and be pleased with.
- That's a person who's trying to serve God. That's what we want them to see.

4 We Need to Be Watching

Proverbs 4:23–27; 2 John 1:8–9

- Watch over your heart with all diligence. For from it flow the springs of life.
- We know that other people are watching, so we have to watch ourselves. We have to examine ourselves.
- We cannot just be on autopilot and just kind of go through life.
- Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.
- Let's use that knowledge that God is watching and that others are watching to motivate us to do that.

THE CHALLENGE

God is watching right now. What does he see in me? What does he see when he's looking at me? What does he see when he's looking at you? Are there things that he sees there that are pleasing to him?

MY NOTES