

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

Many make choices based on appearance and charisma. God is not impressed with either. We are to follow *"faithful men, considering the end of their conversation."*

In other words, watch when their words end. How do they conduct themselves in relation to God's Word? Words are powerful, but actions belie words. Does your life punctuate your words or does it depreciate them? Beware of the crowd pleasers! There is no such thing as "new hope." The Hope of faith is unchanging and eternal. Hope in anything but God is false hope and the propagators of false hope are liars. Greed and avarice are usually the

motive for anyone who seeks to change what is good and righteous in the name of progress. They deal wickedly in secret. Funny thing about secrets is, "all" will be revealed. There is nothing that escapes God's notice or judgment. When a man receives acclaim from the purveyors of filth, mark it down, "Birds of a feather flock together." Follow men who prove their faithfulness by daily living. Pray for their courage to stand in the day of adversity that is surely upon us. It's not who we approve, it's who God approves of that matters. Many have tried to use this scripture to excuse shoddiness. You can be poor and clean at the same time. There is no excuse for filth or bad behavior in the presence of God or His Assembly. It's interesting to me that the most evil men are often clean-cut and mannerly. Satan has always tried to counterfeit Holiness. You need go no further than the "modern" translations of scripture. On one hand "new" translations claim to be more intelligent. On the other, they claimed to be more "simplified." While one is not exclusive of the other, how do you simplify the Ten Commandments? If this generation isn't as smart as the previous, wouldn't it follow that the "translators" are less intelligent? If the reverse is true, then why does it need simplification? Truthfully, it's simply satanic attempts at counterfeit. Beware the "change" mongers. They are often "double-tongued" serpents.

Follow the heart that follows God,
Consider paths that it has trod,
A faithful heart will love the KING,
And to Him, other hearts will bring. ~CGP

God doesn't change and the faithful shouldn't either. Satan always tries to compromise righteousness. Beware!

"As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people." Proverbs 28:15

