

How God Sees Me

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4 WAYS WE JUDGE OUR WORTH

- By appearance – How do I look?
- By achievement – What have I accomplished?
- By approval – How well am I liked?
- By affluence – What do I own?

The greatest changes in our lives take place when we see ourselves as God sees us.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. Luke 19:1-4

1. No Matter How Insignificant I Feel,

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up... Luke 19:5

"... God never overlooks a single sparrow. And He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail – even numbering the hairs on your head!" Luke 12:6-7 (Mes)

2. No Matter What Others Say About Me,

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. Luke 19:5 NLT

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago." Eph. 2:10 (NLT)

See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Isaiah 49:16

3. No Matter What I've Done,

He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." Luke 19:5

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." Luke 19:7

(Jesus) *"Those the Father has given Me will come to Me, and I will never reject them."* John 6:37 (NLT)

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO JESUS?

"So he came down at once and received Him with joy." Luke 19:8 (NAB)

THE RESULT

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house." Luke 19:8-9

**All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*