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Psalm 101:6

“My eyes shall be upon the faithfulness of the land, that they may dwell with Me; he that walks in a perfect way, he shall serve Me.” Psalm 101:6

It appears modern culture has its eye upon the beautiful. We watch these “beautiful people” on our televisions and flock to see them at the cinemas. We read about their diets, their heartbreaks and the most intimate details of their lives. We cut our hair to emulate their unique “now everybody is wearing the style” look. We read voraciously about the latest fads, foods and fancies of these “beautiful people.” And what may be the most amazing things is that we continue to watch them even when their lives, their morals, their habits, and their language are ugly! Why is it (in most cases), that those who have captivated our imaginations are living lives diametrically opposed to the lifestyles that would be pleasing to the Lord? Why are we attempting to pattern our lives in a manner that clearly is not pleasing to the Lord?

It can not be denied, the pull of the world with its enticements and pleasures is strong. These sirens of lust and power and greed sing a song that lulls us into a spiritual slumber and awakens the baser things of our old and sinful natures. God’s remedy for us is two fold. First, we must gaze steadfastly upon the Word. “Let the Word not depart from your eyes...” (Proverbs 4:21). Secondly, we must set our gaze upon One whose radiance will outshine all others – especially the fading glory of the “beautiful people!” “We beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14; also see 1 Peter 1:24-25).

Yes, my son, it does matter what you fix your gaze upon. The Lord is looking for the faithful, not the beautiful; the faithful, not the talented; the faithful, not the educated.

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)

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