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Shepherd's Corner

## The Lord Looks at The Heart

(1 Samuel 16:7)

Appearance, talent and charisma are often used to measure a person's worth in today's world. Too often, we are drawn to outward glamour and brilliance when choosing friends, partners or role models. But how about God? What does He focus on? What standard does He go by when He chooses a person?

The book of 1 Samuel records a pivotal turning point in Israel's history. God granted their request when the people rejected God's rule and insisted on having a king. Yet the first king, Saul, was eventually disgraced for his disobedience. God then sent the prophet Samuel to look for a new king. When Samuel arrived at the house of Jesse and saw Eliab, Jesse's eldest son, tall and striking in appearance, he thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before Him." (1 Samuel 16:6). Even the prophet judged by appearance—a very human tendency indeed.

The Bible continues: "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not go for his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not see as man sees; man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" Yes! God treasures the character, motives and heart -- all unseen. He chose David—the one who seemed least likely: a mere boy, overlooked by his own family, not even included in the list of candidates. David was chosen because he had a God-seeking heart.

Indeed, the Lord looks at the heart! This reminds us that—

1. God's standards go beyond outward appearances: The world values ability, status and looks, but God sees through to the heart. He seeks a heart that is loyal, humble and reverent toward Him.

2. Inner character is the foundation: Outward charm may attract people for a time, but only solid inner character can sustain a lasting life and ministry.

3. God treasures our relationship with Him: A heart that seeks Him, obeys Him and delights in Him is far more precious than any outward achievement.

Are we too often falling into the trap of "judging by appearances" today? Let us—

1. Examine our judgments: When evaluating others or making choices, do we focus more on outward factors such as education, wealth, or eloquence—or do we strive to understand a person's inner character and motives? Have we ever drawn premature conclusions based solely on someone's appearance?

Cultivate spiritual insight: We need to ask God for wisdom and learn to see others through His eyes.

2. Examine the focus of our lives: Are we striving more for outward success and recognition, or are we more focused on nurturing our inner life and shaping a character that is after God's heart?

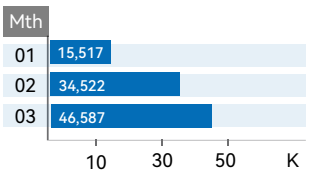
Outward conditions will change, beauty will fade, and talent will be bested, but a heart that sincerely loves and reveres God is what He values forever. May every one of us commit ourselves to cultivating our inner life and live out righteous character— for that is where true worth lies in His eyes.

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### Financial Report

Jan-Mar 2025 (SGD)

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| **Income** | $ | 35,592 |
| **Expenses** | $ | 21,747 |
| **Surplus** | $ | 13,845 |

## Audience Feedback

### Wise Guidance for Youths – Episode 33

This episode struck me that forbidding teenagers from making friends with the opposite sex isn't the right approach. Wise parents need to hear out their children's viewpoints, communicate effectively and help them widen their outlook.

**(Xinyi, China, 27/02/2025)**

### Nehemiah Effective Leadership 10

Good lesson.

**(Abram Mwanza, 13/3/2025)**

### Melodies of Youth: Dreams and Growth – Episode 02

This episode helped me understand that life is not about smooth sailing all the way. Rather, it is strewn with potholes and brambles at every turn and corner. The good news is that God's grace is always there to see us through. Yes, I've been sharing this series!

**(Brother He, China, 16/03/2025)**

## New Programmes

**01/05/2025 starts** (Thur)

### Marriage Under Siege: Defending the Bond

**Global platforms**

Building a beautiful marriage is a lifelong battle that demands love, courage and wisdom in equal measure. Join Pang Hongyu, certified Level-3 national psychological counsellor and training mentor at the Beijing Association for Social Psychology, as he uncovers the hidden wounds that can quietly erode a marriage. He'll guide us through each challenge, one breakthrough at a time, with strategic clarity. Pang brings with him a wealth of experience: over 4,000 hours of individual case counselling, more than 2,500 hours of teaching, and 500+ hours of psychological supervision.




## Home Matters & Intercession

1

We are currently recruiting volunteers for the following positions to beef our program production team: producer, video editor, graphic designer, bilingual editor (Chinese and English), writer and translator. Feel free to click the link to learn more about these service roles and encourage brothers and sisters in the Lord to come alongside and participate!

**Click: GR recruiting volunteers**

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Pray for the spiritual life, creativity, and vitality of the GR Broad of Directors and GR Production teams. May God see us aligned with His will and help us serve with undivided dedication. Amen!

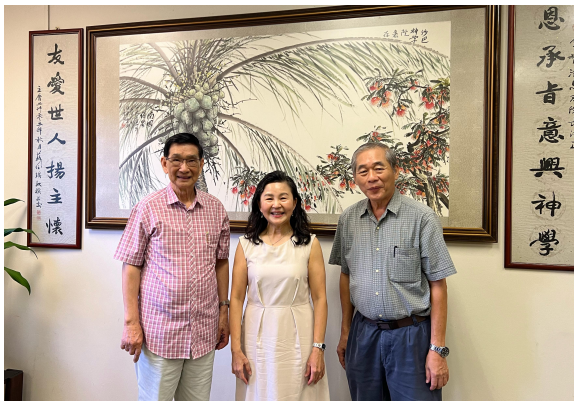
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Pray that the courses developed by GR will reach more churches and communities e.g., marketplaces and families—using the Pre-Evangelism Courses to nurture seekers and new believers, plus the Discipleship Courses to strengthen and multiply faithful followers of Christ.

On27 March 2025, GLOBAL REACHOUT (GR) and Sabah Theological Seminary (STS) in East Malaysia conducted a joint seminar, sharing message on " Reaching the Nations through Social Media", and bringing up the challenges Christians face in this VUCA era and the urgent need for Christians to be true Disciples, the Army of God. We thank STS for their hospitality and great fellowship! Praise the Lord!



GR presents her publication "Glorious Workplace" series to STS




Dr. Michelle Liew with Principal Rev Rd Thu En Yu and Rev Dr Chen Lipsiong from Sabah Theological Seminary (STS)



STS presents to GR "Sabah: Society, Culture and Mission" authored by Rev Dr Chen Lipxiong in return

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