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I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you  
by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a  
covenant to the people, as a *light to the nations*... Isaiah 42:6

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**Ephesians. 5:1 (AMPC)**

*Therefore be imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].*

**In our last** newsletter we began looking at vision. Having a godly vision is essential to having victory in a believer's life. This includes victory in the natural realm and victory in fulfilling the plan of God. Godly vision has a great deal to do with what we allow ourselves to look at, because when you continually look at something that you are impressed with, you become like that thing. Need scripture?

**2 Cor. 3:18 (NKJV)** *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* We become what we look at (behold) - good or bad.

**Young kids want** to be like their favorite sports hero or movie star. They want to have the same number on their shirt. They'll put a poster of them on their wall. And it's not just kids, many times when adults are impressed by someone, people start to copy their mannerisms, talk like them, dress like them and so on. That's why advertisers so often try to get sports or entertainment celebrities to be spokespersons for their products. *"Maybe if I use the same kind of soap that they use, I will be just like them."* When I was in elementary school (**many** years ago) every kid wanted to have a "coonskin" hat like Davy Crockett.

**You become like** those you look at. Not just accidentally looking at someone or something, this is looking at someone you are impressed with. Not all TV and movies are bad, but the enemy uses them as much as he can to present his vision. And if you get his vision inside of you, you will outwardly become that. What you watch effects you.

**What we allow** ourselves to behold, we open ourselves to becoming like. You listen to profanity, you'll start using profanity. You might hide it well, but the Bible says that *from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks...* it will

come out, and usually at a time that you will wish it hadn't. And it's not just TV and movies, but what you read and what you hear paint pictures causing you to "see" things. You will become what you continually behold.

**But what if** you were to continually behold (copy) Jesus? It's the same principle, what will happen to you if you do that? You will start to become like Him! That is exactly what God intended. You won't become the Lord, but you can be a direct reflection of His glory! God intends that you be changed into what you are looking at, from glory to glory...

**How do we** do that? How do we "behold" the Lord Jesus? Read the gospels, feed on them, look at how Jesus talked and acted. Feed on the Word, read it. Especially the gospels, because what do you see? You see Jesus teaching, preaching and healing, speaking the Word, demons leaving, touching people and telling them to be healed, be clean.

**Does that sound** strange? Didn't Jesus say in John 14:12 *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."*

But to do that, you've got to see yourself doing what He did. First, you have to see Him doing it. And you can't do that by just skimming through the 4 gospels, you have to **feed** on them! And allow the Holy Spirit to come off the page so that you can **see** them. You **see** Him touching the leper with compassion and telling him *I am willing to heal you - be cleansed.* See it! And once you see Him do it, you go from that to seeing you do it. And it's still Him doing it, through His body, and you are a part of His body.

**One last thing:** If you have a vision and can see how you can do it, it's not God's vision - it's your vision. God's vision is beyond what anyone can do without help from above. A godly vision will require that we walk by faith and not by natural sight. We need to be alert to what we focus on, because we do become what we behold.



**Above left**, Pastor Norbi and church member (also sister in law) Klari Varga are standing by a cart full of groceries that is an “overflow” of the first batch of food gifts our partners provide for the people in Szakcs, Hungary. In the picture **just right** of the grocery cart, Pastor Norbi and his wife Alexia, are shown giving out a second very nice package of food to members of the church. Both pictures **above right**: Show some of the “tithe” church members brought to the church. It may seem odd to a western mindset, but this gift is a real blessing!

**We are happy** to be able to tell you that thanks to our partners, we were able to give a “second round” of food packages to the people in Szakcs (see photos above). Church were surprised and very happy to receive a second gift package of food. Many Roma families have no work, thus no income during winter months, so this was a very welcome blessing.

**When we teach** about tithes and offerings in our Skype sessions, a scripture we often use is Luke 6:38 where Jesus said, **“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”** What many people don’t realize is that Jesus was not talking about money here (read the whole chapter). Although it applies to money, it also applies to everything else we do. We challenge the people that even if they don’t have money they can still give something. Give a smile, help a neighbor, and whenever you can, help out in the church. So, some of

the members of the Szakcs church have been doing just that by bringing a “tithe” of firewood to the church (see photos above). Since the church is heated with wood burning stoves, this has been a real blessing to both the church and to those who “bring their tithe into the storehouse.”

**Thank you for** your prayers and financial support for Light to the Nations Ministries. We never take lightly your part in this ministry. We are constantly in awe of how God speaks to your heart concerning this ministry and you respond so generously both in finances and even more importantly, in prayer.

Love and blessings,

*Dan & Marta Lewis*

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**Throwback pictures**

**Below left**: Mongolia may not have been Camelot, but there were camel lots. Here, Marta and Aase Sims get a closer look. **Below center**: Wherever we have been on our missionary journeys, there have been children, and Mongolia was no exception. At the time we lived there, an estimated 30,000 orphan children lived under the streets of Ulaanbaatar to avoid freezing. Many of these children were able to get out of the sewers and hear about Jesus. **Below right**, many Mongolians, being nomadic, live in round, “portable” felt tents called Ghers. Ghers can be surprisingly warm, even in minus 40 temperatures.

