



Relationship w/Jesus

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In two days I visited two different hospitals. My friend took ill and I took her to these two hospital visits. She was once a close friend; it was my pleasure to help her. There wasn't anything I could do about her situation, but I could get her to someone who could. I knew God had His hand upon her, yet my heart was sad for her.

Day one we visited the first hospital, however, they didn't help her at all.

Day two, when we visited the second hospital, we got to talking. She wasn't sure about this hospital because of the age of the building and how things weren't refined as the first hospital. The second hospital had hand written paper notes for directions through the hospital, whereas the first hospital had professional looking signs. The second hospital had worn carpeting and worn fixtures, whereas the first hospital was brand new, recently been built, so everything was fresh.

But one thing we noticed between the two. The second hospital we got results. The first hospital just put a band-aid on the symptom. The second hospital sought and executed a solution to the problem. At the second hospital the people cared. At the first hospital the employees got a paycheck.

When contemplating the comparisons between the two, I have come to realize that we too, in many times in our lives, see things not for what they are, but by the face they portray. We judge people by what they wear. We judge people by the appearance they present. We judge people by the things they own or don't own. When, in fact, if you give anyone a chance, and get to know them, you would probably be good friends. Great people who, given a chance, can become a blossoming beautiful flower, by just a chance encounter.

I have found out that people I thought were my friends were not my friends at all. And yet, I still would have given them a chance if they wanted it. It's tough in this ole life and we need to stick together and give grace to others. God gives us mercy and grace; we should also bestow to others this mercy and grace.

So, the next time you reserve judgment towards someone who is angry, stop and consider what they may be going through. Ask if they are ok.

And the next time someone showers you with flattery, stop and consider the flattery. They may be



snowing you over for ulterior motives.

Jesus said we are known by our fruit.

. take the time, not to judge, but to help others see that they too can produce good fruit.

“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.” Matthew 12:33

