

## “Monkey SEE, Monkey DO”

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It's NO secret that we are a VISUAL generation. Just look at where we spend our time. TV, Video Games, Internet. (6-1/2 hrs daily avg. between 8 and 18 years old.) -<http://www.kff.org/entmedia/upload/Generation-M-Media-in-the-Lives-of-8-18-Year-olds-Report-Section-8-Conclusion.pdf>

### **Luke 11:33-36 NIV**

"No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead he puts it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light. [34] Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness. [35] See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness. [36] Therefore, if your whole body is full of light, and no part of it dark, it will be completely lighted, as when the light of a lamp shines on you."

Eye lamp of your body...

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### **1. Monkey See, Monkey Do (or) Garbage IN = Garbage OUT**

The bottom line is that everything that we see affects us. All we take in helps shape who we are, what we believe, and what we do. A picture tells a thousand words, and most of us have thousands of pictures flashed at us everyday. What kind of words do the pictures we see tell us? What kind of shows do you spend your time watching? What message is being programmed into your mind... your heart? What kinds of video games are being flashed past your eyes for hours on end? What images do you see? How many murders do you witness on TV... or commit on your XBOX? How many people have you seen slip into bed together... like it's no big deal? If you were the sum total of all the images you watch... what would you be?

In a way we are the sum total of what we watch. Everything we see affects us... our thinking, and ultimately our actions.

**EXAMPLE:** Question: Do you think that a rapist just wakes up one day and decides to rape someone? NO... I guarantee you that rapist filled his mind with pornography first.

He saw it, he thought it, and then he did the terrible act.

Do you see how what we see affects our actions?

That is why we have to guard our eyes. We have to be careful to fill our lives with the light of God, instead of the filthy trash the world likes to force down our throats. We have to make a determined choice to **SEE NO EVIL!!!**

### **Mark 4:21-23 NIV**

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? [22] For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. [23] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

### **2. What people do in secret, won't be kept secret.**

You may be able to trick everyone else into thinking you are something you're not, but you cannot fool God. Someday everything we do... good and bad, will be brought to light. We'll be judged by our actions. Character is defined by our actions.

*"Your character is who you are when no one is looking."* -unknown  
God will judge our character. He will judge us based on all the things we've done, good or bad, even if we hid them from everyone else.

### **Rev. 20:11-15 NIV**

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, great and small,

standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. **The dead were judged according to what they had done** as recorded in the books. [13] The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and **each person was judged according to what he had done.** [14] Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. [15] **If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Someday each of us will be judged. We will stand before God... the righteous judge. And each and every one of us will answer for our actions. We will be judged according to what we have done. They're will be NO SECRETS in that hour. There will be no closet for our skeletons to hide in. There will be no dark place to hide our secrets. Those things which have been kept hidden will be open. The books will be open before the mighty Judge, and He will make the just decision.

If we are honest with ourselves... all of us have things to be ashamed of. Each one of us deserve to be judged. The only hope for you, and me, is the blood of Christ. **He is our defense case. He already paid the death penalty that we owe... so if we cast ourselves on His mercy, we can be saved.** We can be pardoned from our death sentence, if we except His payment, and live in it.

**Salvation Call:** If you've never accepted Jesus as the payment for your sin, than now is your time. If you have sin in your life, things that you look at, or do, that are not of the light, but of the darkness, tonight is a night of change. If you are in either of those two categories... I want to pray with you right now.

**Prayer:** LORD Jesus, I know I've done wrong. If I were to die and be judged right now, I don't know what would come of me. I believe that YOU, Jesus died for my sins. I accept your gift of life. I also give you my life. I pledge my eyes to you... that I would strive to keep my life pure, by refusing to look upon evil things. Help me to constantly walk in purity. In Jesus name, AMEN!!!

**3. Let your LIGHT shine.** Don't hide the light that is within you. If Christ lives in you, then the LIGHT of God is in you, and should be shined brightly.

### **2 Cor. 5:17 NIV**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; the old has gone, the new has come!

Everything is made new in Christ. All of the garbage of the world is washed away. All of the grime that's built up in our hearts is melted off. We become clean. We become new. You ARE NEW!!!

So when that happens in your life, how can you help but share it?

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The light of God is VISIBLE!!! When we are changed by Christ, we will show it through our actions and lifestyle. People will see a difference in us. We should live OUT-LOUD with the light of God in us. In a world filled with darkness... the LIGHT that shines in the followers of God is a welcome change. **Let it shine!!!**