



## Expectancy

### *What You See Is What You Get?*

**Hebrews 11:1** "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Now I am going to date myself a bit but I wonder how many of you remember the comedian from years ago named Flip Wilson? He had his own show and each week was a montage of stand up comedy, skits and such. He coined the phrase, "The Devil made me do it." He would often dress as various characters; one in particular was a woman with an attitude. He would say "What you see is what you get!" Fact is, what you saw on the outside was not really what you were getting because he was a man in drag!



Is that true: "what we see is what we get?" Sometimes things are not as they appear. It really depends on whether we are seeing through our natural eyes or through the eyes of faith! The verse above, **Hebrews 11:1** says we are seeing things through the eyes of faith when we are *certain of the things we do not see!*

This sounds like a contradiction, but it's the difference between the natural and the supernatural. Look at this next verse:

**I Cor. 2:9-10** "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him --- but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit."

We have eyesight that is not common to man. It only comes from being a child of God that has received revelation by the Holy Spirit. As we get the word of God in us, and we pray and fellowship with the Spirit of God, we can see through His eyes. That's why the word says we "**Walk by faith and not by sight.**" (II Cor. 5:7)

Walking by faith is living and walking in a state of expectancy. We believe God's word, we take Him at His word and expect the word to work in us, for us and through us no matter what the circumstance looks like. I'm sure Daniel felt his situation was pretty bleak and hopeless as he was being thrown into a den of hungry lions! But he trusted his God that he would deliver him and God shut the mouths of the lions!

So how do we know if we are looking through our natural eyes? Well, if you are facing something, and we all face something daily, and your reaction is fear, doubt, worry or confusion; then you are viewing your life and circumstances in the flesh and the natural. If we imagine a bad outcome before anything has transpired, then we are seeing with our human eyes. This is such a problem because it paralyzes the believer and Satan starts celebrating because he has us right where he wants us: in a defeated state.

We don't need to live in a state of dread and doom and paralyzing fear but in expectancy that God's word is alive, powerful and at work! We need to walk by faith! How do we combat this earthly power that would suck the faith right out of us? With the mighty word of God! We must hear, know, believe and stand! Speaking it out boldly!

**2 Cor. 10:4-5 says, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ..."**

Expectancy is seeing your world through the eyes of faith. There is a story of a woman in the Bible who changed her seemingly hopeless condition because she turned her faith loose. She heard there was healing through Jesus and combined her hearing with faith!

**Hebrews 4:2 "For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as**

**they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them because those who heard did not combine it with faith.”**

Her name is not mentioned. She is simply known as the woman with the issue of blood. This account can be found in **Luke 8:43-48**.

This woman had had a flow of blood from her body for twelve years. The Bible says that she spent all the money she had on many doctors, but none of them could heal her; it says she even grew worse. But she had been hearing the talk around town where she lived. She heard there was a holy man who spoke to demons and they left; he put His hands on the sick and they recovered. The talk was that Jesus Himself was passing through the town. I can even imagine she may have mentioned to a family member or friend that she wanted to go to Jesus so He could heal her. She may have even had them say to her, “There are thousands crowding the streets. You are too weak, you’ll never be able to get to Him. And even if you do make it, the doctors say there is no cure. Just lie down and rest.” She may have battled for a moment with these thoughts. But when she heard about Jesus and His kindness, an expectancy rose up within her!! Glory to God!!

She thought to herself, “I must get to Jesus. I know I will be made whole.” The word says she pressed through the crowd. When she saw that she was getting closer to Jesus I can imagine her heart was pounding out of her chest. She would push through 4 steps and the crowd pushed her back three. Full of faith and determination, she finally made it to Jesus.

The word says she came from behind Him and just touched the hem of His clothes and immediately the flow of blood stopped! And Jesus turned and said **“Who touched Me?”** The folks standing around denied it. The disciples even tried to reason with Jesus saying, **“Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”** **But Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.”** Finally the woman admitted it was her and testified to all who were there what had happened to her. Jesus said to her, **“Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”**

The woman with the issue of blood heard had combined it with faith; then put her faith into action and did not give up until her healing manifested. Then she sealed it up by testifying to all what God had done. She had the mindset of “I am not going to get what I have been seeing and feeling, I am

not going to look through my natural eye. I am looking through the eyes of faith. I expect my healing because Jesus is the Healer. Let's get full of the word and expect God's outcome for us! No matter what we are facing He has the answer and the way out! He has revealed it (His will) to us by His Word and Spirit. Expect nothing less!

**Matthew 13:11 & 16 “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.**

**But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.”**