Watcha Lookin’ At?

Read: Acts 3:1-9

Text: Acts 3:4b “…Look on us.”

Introduction: Have you ever caught someone looking at you and won-

dered if it was just a chance meeting of the eyes or if they wanted

something? Have you ever tried to talk to someone who wasn’t mak-

ing eye contact? Peter and John were approached by a beggar. This

beggar said the same thing to them that he had to the last 50 people

who passed him by. No doubt he glanced at them but then he looked

to the next person before he was pulled up short by Peter’s response:

“Look on us.”

There are some things in this story that I wanted us to look at this

morning.

**I. The World is Looking on us:** Oh they notice some things and wonder about some things but they surely do watch you and I to find answers to some questions:

What we are - Our Character

What we say – Our Conversation

What we believe – Our Convictions

What we do – Our Conduct

What we give – Our Contributions

Far too many of us have contradictions between one or more of these things. What we say we believe is contradicted by what they observe in out conduct or conversation. We fail to demonstrate clear convic-tions in out conduct and/or our contributions.

**II. The World has a Right to Expect Something From us:** After all: We are the Light of the World (Matthew 5:14). We are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13), We are expected to do greater works than Jesus did (John 14:12)

How much light is emanating from us? How much good flavor is added to the world of those around us because of our presence in their world? Are you and I doing even the bare minimum works of Christ; let alone greater works?

**III. The Church should have a lot to give:** Most importantly we have: The Gospel to preach. We know the answer to man’s problem of sin, sorrow, sickness, and separation from God. What we give should only be given in the name of Jesus and for the glory of God. If you are seeking the praise of man you will never be happy. If you are giving so that others will reward you then the rewards will never satisfy. When we give for the glory of God and defer any reward until we see Jesus face to face; we will find real happiness in meeting the needs of others.

**IV. Lives Were Changed Because of What They Had:** What they had was not visible to the naked eye but the results were the talk of the town. These two men simply handed out what Jesus had handed to them and it turned into a healing that led to a crowd gathering which sparked a message of the Gospel of Christ which resulted in over 5000 conversions.

**Conclude:** Others are looking at you and me. What are we offering them? This man was asking for a hand-out but Peter and John gave him a hand-up! He thought he needed spare change but he got a change in condition which resulted in a brand new man both inside and out and his story helped bring over 5000 people into the kingdom of God.