

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site. This letter was posted on December 13, 2010

Letter 21 Pure Faith \_\_\_ God Alone Eph. 1: 18, 19

Many years ago I was encouraged to read a devotional book called "Let Go". It was a number of letters written by Archbishop Fenelon to encourage people God had put into his life. In one of these letters I really began the process of learning how to walk by faith and not by sight. A paraphrase of the poem he shared said "The man who looks at a glass, on it he may keep his eye, or if he chooses, look through the glass and see the creation of God". As I began to work through what God was teaching me with this poem I began to look through a large window in my office and I saw how easy it was to see all the imperfections in the glass and just see them. Then as I chose to look thru the glass how easy it was to see through it and not at the glass anymore and to see God's great creation.

As I'm learning to walk by faith I see the same process in my life. If I see myself or my circumstances, that's all I can see. But if I trust God and look to Him I experience His love, His joy, His peace. But He always leaves the choice to me. He's always there; it's my choice to see Him or my circumstances.

Eyes that look are common. Eyes that see are rare.

The Pharisees looked at Peter and saw only a poor illiterate fisherman, totally insignificant, not worthy of a second look. Jesus sees Peter and discovered the prophet and preacher, the saint and leader of the a unique band of men who turned the world upside down.

What do you see when you look at yourself (or what do you see when you look at others in your life)? What does God see when He looks at you and those that He's put into your life?