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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

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God see's everything!

1 TIMOTHY 5:24 NIV - (24) The sins of some are obvious, reaching the place of judgment ahead of them; the sins of others trail behind them.

I recall delivering parcels to an apartment building manager's office and in this same building there was a party in one of the apartment rooms. Such activity was unauthorized in this building. Much damages was done to the interior of the hall way. What was surprising was that the office had camera's set up in the hall way and they were able to identify the people who were responsible for the damage. The management office approached the tenants about the activities that took place the night before and the damage in the hallway. Of course, the tenants denied any involvement, but what they didn't know was they were seen on camera committing the crime. It is the same way with you and I. "God see's everything!" Punishment may or may not take place immediately, but nevertheless, "God see's everything!"

Paul was simply saying in the above passage that the sins of some are obvious and they will receive judgment immediately, while the sins of others are subtler but God will bring those sins to the light. Likewise, the good deeds of some are obvious, and they will receive praise in this life; but those whose good deeds are hidden will have them made manifest in the day of the Lord. This was, no doubt, meant as instruction for Timothy as he implemented Paul's directions to reward the elders who did well (1TIMOTHY 5:17) and rebuke the elders who sinned (1TIMOTHY 5:20). Not everyone is exactly who he or she seems to be. There needed to be some discernment and godly wisdom in these choices.

SCRIPTURE READING

PROVERBS 28:13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You'll never be able to speak against sin if you're entertained by it.

