

Balcony People See the Good in Others

Philemon 1:1-7

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Two Types of People

1. Basement: Negative, critical, harsh, pull you down, rain upon your parade. They have a **NO** face!
2. Balcony: Positive; fire you up; upbeat, cheer you on. They have a **YES** face!

Three thought and three principles.

1. Balcony people are thankful for every person and every circumstance in their life (Vs. 4).

- God is at work in the ugly to produce the beautiful.
- God is at work in the painful to bring about something good.
- God is at work in the wrong to bring out the right.
- God is at work in the bad to bring about the good.

Principle: I must see every person or circumstance as God coming to me through that person or circumstance to make me more like His Son Jesus Christ.

2. Balcony people focus on the positive in others (Vs. 5-6)

Principle: I must see people in terms of what God is making them and not who they are now.

3. Balcony people focus on the good that others do not the wrong (Vs. 6-7).

Principle: There are no enduring relationships without forgiveness.