

THE UNSEEN GUEST AND SILENT LISTENER

David and I do not fill our lives with secular television aside from watching Jeopardy, Wheel of Fortune, the Andy Griffith Show, and the occasionally televised baseball or football game. Most of our television viewing comes from watching faith-based movies.

I have heard of a reality-type show where a company's boss would disguise himself as just another employee to view how his employees and managers were performing. *Let's ponder that a moment.* The boss/owner of the company comes to your branch of employment. You have never seen a picture of him and aren't truly familiar with him. He dresses in uniform just like any other employee and performs the same duties as others around him: stocking the shelves, interacting with customers, answering phones...and the like. He does all this simply to gain insight on how everyone is performing. He watches your work ethics, observes whether you are hard-working or whether you are continually looking for an opportunity to take a break. He hears whether or not you are encouraging others or bad-mouthing other employees behind their backs. He takes note if you go out of your way to help a customer or whether you are just caught up in your own world. He does this to truly get to know your true character.

At the end of the day, a meeting is held with all the employees and his true identity is revealed to everyone. I do believe our breath might be taken away for a moment as we reflect on how we have behaved while he was working alongside us. Would he need to take corrective action with us individually or would he stand up and say "Well done!"

Now, this is the picture of how our lives truly are because Jesus is with us 24/7. When we arise in the morning, He is already there. When we are interacting with our families in the busyness of the morning, He is there. When we are in a rush on the highway to get to work or get an errand done, He is there. There is nowhere we can go that is hidden from him. There is no conversation that He does not hear. There is no attitude or action that He does not see. Just because we cannot visual see Him does not rule out His presence.

At the end of my day, I want Him to say "Well done!"

We are ALL a work in progress with areas in need of improvement. May we each purpose in our hearts to live our day out to be pleasing to HIM.

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