

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...

Kingdom Principles 105

Perception (World view) vs Perspective (Kingdom view)

Understanding the World's view of Perception vs Kingdom Perspective can completely change how we carry the love of Jesus into real-life moments — especially with the kind of real time compassion that is at the heart of The 5/20 Project.

Let's break it down simply and powerfully.

Worlds view of PERCEPTION = What I See

Perception is immediate, emotional, and often incomplete.

It's the snap judgment.

It's what something looks like on the surface.

Examples:

- "They're rude."
- "She's cold."
- "That guy is irresponsible."
- "They don't care about God."
- "That person is just lazy."

Perception is shaped by:

- Past experiences
- Personal wounds
- Biases
- Fear
- Assumptions

Perception is often me-centered — filtered through my story.

And here's the reality:

Perception reacts. Love pauses.

Kingdom PERSPECTIVE = How Jesus Sees

Perspective is deeper, Spirit-led, and rooted in truth instead of assumption.

Perspective asks:

- What might be going on that I don't see?
- What is God's heart toward this person?
- What pain could be underneath this behavior?
- Who are they in God's eyes, not just in this moment?

Perception sees behavior.

Perspective looks for burdens.

Perception labels.

Perspective loves.

Perception says, "What's wrong with them?"

Perspective asks, "What happened to them?"

That shift is where the love of Jesus shows up.

Jesus Always Operated From Perspective, Not Perception

The Woman at the Well

Perception: Immoral woman, social outcast

Perspective: Thirsty heart, future evangelist

Zacchaeus

Perception: Crooked tax collector

Perspective: Lonely man desperate to be seen

The Woman Caught in Adultery

Perception: Sinner deserving punishment

Perspective: Daughter who needed mercy trapped in shame

Jesus did not excuse sin —

He saw the person beneath it.

That's love.

Why This Matters for Showing Jesus' Love

If we live from perception, we:

- Withdraw
- Judge
- Avoid
- Criticize internally
- Miss divine moments

If we live from perspective, we:

- Stay open
- Feel compassion
- Listen longer
- Respond gently
- Recognize God-set encounters

Perspective creates room for:

- ✓ Kindness instead of irritation
- ✓ Curiosity instead of criticism
- ✓ Compassion instead of conclusions

And suddenly...

That “annoying” cashier might be exhausted and unseen.

That “angry” coworker might be drowning at home.

That “distant” family member might be carrying silent grief.

Perspective lets love interrupt perception.

A Simple Prayer That Shifts Us

“Jesus, help me see this person the way You do, not the way my first reaction does.”

That one prayer moves us from:

Human reaction → Kingdom response

The 5/20 Project Connection... a perfect fit

Our message — “Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.” — only flows through us when we first choose perspective over perception.

Because you can’t tell someone Jesus sees them
if you’re only seeing them through your own perception.

Perspective is what allows us to:

- Notice the overlooked
- Feel nudged to give
- Speak encouragement
- Act in real time

Perception says: “Not my problem.”

Perspective says: “This might be why I’m here.”

That’s how love becomes action.

Summary Comment

- Perception sees behavior
- Perspective sees the heart
- Love chooses perspective

And that's exactly how the love of Jesus becomes visible through us.

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