

mankind to judge by appearances. In the Heb+, the statement, "man looks on the outward appearance," does not use the ordinary word (for) man

_____ , but the word atha which properly usually (eesh)

ordinarily means "mankind." Here is a general statement, a statement which it is important for us to recognize in order that we avoid falling into the same error. ^{In my youth} ~~When I was in high school~~ I was greatly shocked on ~~two~~ several occasions where a church was calling a minister. ~~When~~ The considerations that seemed to weigh with most of the people were his general appearance, the nature (bw?)

~~character~~ (?) of his voice, whether he was interesting to listen to, whether his wife was decorative, and would make a good addition to the community. After a candidate would preach someone would criticize some aspect of his voice ~~and~~ or some factor feature (bw?)

of his appearance. Very little was said about the vital matter of whether he truly knew God and whether he truly understood, whether he was a real good expositor of the Bible, and could bring God's truth to people's hearts. Man looks on the outward appearance.

I resolved then that whenever I had anything to do with the calling of a minister ~~in~~ I would put all superficial characteristics aside. If a man truly loved the Lord and would truly serve Him, and there was reason ~~that~~ to think that he would have a good influence on the congregation, I would never say anything critical of him. On the other hand if there was were reason to think that a man's influence would be against the Word of God instead of for it, I would not then join my voice with those who were ~~praising~~ praising his appearance or his manner. Man judges by outward appearance, but God ~~judged~~ looks on the heart.