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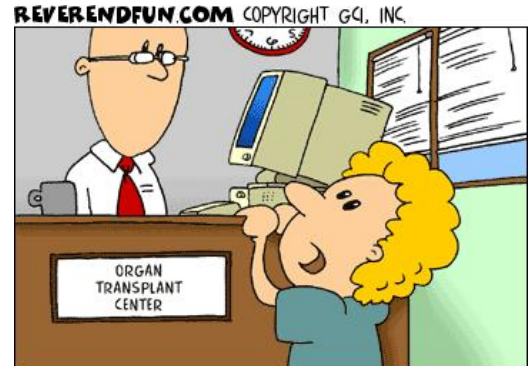
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“The Transformed Heart”

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- (1) Why do people enjoy watching shows like Extreme Home Makeover?
- (2) If you could have a personal makeover would you rather it be external or internal?

Acts 8:9-23



- (3) When thinking about the story of Simon the Sorcerer, discuss the difference between a “head transaction” and a “heart transformation”.

A Google search for “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” reveals hundreds, if not thousands, of Christian-themed websites and articles extolling the show for its representation of Christian values. Here’s a sampling:

“Something I have really enjoyed observing on the show has been the power of grace. These companies give away what is needed for the home, and then over and over the individuals are caught up in the blessing of grace and buy the mortgage, or pay the utilities for a year, or whatever. The single act of kindness turns into many. Giving truly is a blessed thing.”

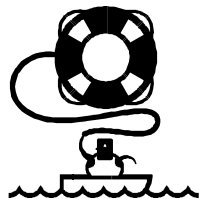
“I have noticed that not one time has a family on this show rejected the host, Ty, from coming into their home. Why? Because they know they are getting something good. Something new! A brand new home! Their old home is going to be transformed. The old one is going to be done away with. Sounds like a promise I have when I let Christ in. Old things pass away and behold ALL things become brand new! It is time we let Christ in our homes! He is bringing something good: it is a new home.”

“The best Christian ministry show on television today is not on a Christian network and does not star the head of a major media ministry. It will not be featured at the National Religious Broadcasters convention this February and it has no product sales, call for prayer or scripture references. No, for my money, the absolute best Christian ministry show on TV today is ABC’s Extreme Makeover Home Edition.”

- (4) “God often has to break our heart before he can transform it.” What does this mean to you?

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“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of- throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

From C.S. Lewis' Mere Christianity

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