“Are You Being Recorded?”

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 In the news of late, we hear all the media buzz about recordings done in secret (some not in secret); the things they reveal about the people recorded having said something they wish they had not said or disclosed to others. These things have been going on for many years, and with all the innovative technology, people can record things you say very quickly without your knowledge. Does this alarm you? Many people say things they wish they had not spoken; many people have done something they do not want others to know. We are all guilty of this at various times in our life. We all have said things that we would like to do over, but we do not always get a do-over when we say something. Hence, the Bible warns us to guard our speech. Paul wrote, “In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you” (Tit. 2:7-8). He also wrote, “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers” (Eph. 4:29).

 People, in general, would not like it if someone were recording every word they spoke. However, do we ever stop and think about what God is recording? The fact is God records everything we say and do. There is no dark corner where one can escape the presence of God. The Hebrew writer wrote, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4:13). The wise man said, "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good” (Prov. 15:3). Jeremiah said, “Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD” (Jer. 23:24-25).

 One cannot escape the fact that God is recording us all every moment of our life. He knows our every move, our every thought. He knows every word that comes forth from our tongue. *If God were to give the local newspaper the recordings He has recorded of our life, would we want these things printed on the front page*?

 No, God will not print our life history in the local news, but someday we will stand before God to give an account of all we have said and done in this life. As Paul wrote, “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So, then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another anymore: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way” (Rom. 14:11-13).