



### *It's Sooooo Beautiful!*



As I pulled into the parking lot of our local (very large) plant center on a Sunday evening before Christmas, my five year old niece exclaimed "its sooooo beautiful!". There was awe and excitement in her voice as she took in the miles of holiday lights around the parking lot and beyond.

Of course, I had seen the lights many times before and thought they were kind of overdone and a bit tacky. It's amazing how a ViewpointShift™ can change the way you see things. As I looked again, through a child's eyes, I could definitely see how

beautiful the lights looked. The colors of the lights and the holiday shapes they formed created a magical wonderland of fun.

How many times at work, do you see things through "grown up" eyes – either because you've been at your organization for awhile or because you have grown cynical of things where you've "been there, done that"? As the New Year starts, I'm suggesting that you try a ViewpointShift™ to create a new look at the same old thing.

As defined in past newsletters, a ViewpointShift™ is when you change the way you think about or look at things to increase your energy and get better results. You better believe that my niece's enthusiasm created more energy and more fun for me as we navigated crowds and waited in lines. Without her "child's view", I might never have truly appreciated all that there was to offer.

Are you stuck looking at things through "manager's eyes" or "employee's eyes"? Can you see things through your "customer's eyes" or "coworker's eyes"? Give it a try for the rest of the week and beyond. If you feel your energy waning or your results suffering, implement a ViewpointShift™ to get yourself back on track.

After all, "its sooooo beautiful" beats "I'm so sick of this" any day of the week! Here's wishing you a productive, healthy, peaceful and happy 2007!

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