

God's Word Is A Mirror

James 1:19-25

1. A natural mirror will tell you what you look like but God's mirror tells you who you are.

A. When you know who you are then you will know what you have. You will know what belongs to you. You will know your rights and privileges in Christ.

B. In the natural we are constantly checking ourselves in the mirror. Yet, we neglect to do the same in God's mirror. We often wonder why things do not go the way that they should. We wonder why our faith in God is at such low ebbs. It is because we forget what manner of man we are.

C. When we see ourselves in a natural mirror and we know what we look like then no one can tell us differently. We should apply this same logic when we look into the mirror of God's Word. We should stop allowing the devil to tell us who we are but rather believe what God's mirror says about us.

(1) Some people have a tendency to allow the devil and surrounding circumstances to tell us about ourselves rather than what God says about us - Judges 6:11-16

D. Some things God's mirror shows us about ourselves (this is by no means an exhaustive list):

(1) We were created in the image of God and we should see ourselves this way. (We should be the "splittin'" image of our Heavenly Father) (Gen. 1:26-27).

(2) We should see ourselves as soldiers and we should engage in warfare with the enemy (2 Tim. 2:3-4; Eph. 6:10-18).

(3) We should see ourselves as NEW CREATIONS in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)

(4) We should see ourselves as HEALED both physically and emotionally. (Isa. 53:4-5; 1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:4-5)

(5) We should see ourselves as More Than Conquerors (Rom. 8:37)

(6) We should see ourselves as successful witnesses and soul winners (Matt. 28:18-19; Acts 1:8)

(7) We should see ourselves as being full of the power of God and able to do all things through Him (Phil. 4:13).

2. A natural mirror helps us to make corrections to things that are not right in our physical appearance. If our lives are not lining up with the image that we see in God's mirror then His mirror is available to help us make corrections. - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

A. Examples: Going for a job interview, your look in the mirror will determine how successful you are in your interview. When I was in the military I was expected to dress a certain way to the most minute detail. Looking in the mirror helped

me to ensure that everything was in place and make corrections where they were not.

B. The same is true in the Kingdom of God. The mirror points out blemishes in our lives that need to be corrected. God is constantly testing His people to see if they are fit to do certain function (Gen. 22; 2 Chron. 32:31; Deut. 8:2; Judges 2:22). If we want a successful job interview, we should get into the mirror and ensure that we are measuring up. As soldiers in God's army, we are expected to dress and perform a certain way. God's mirror helps us to make these adjustments.

C. Are you in doubt and/or unbelief? Get into the mirror and make a correction/adjustment to your faith. Is there sin in your life? Get into the mirror and make a correction.

3. A mirror, if kept in front of us, will help us to spot an enemy behind us.

A. The devil is very sneaky. He likes to attack when were the LEAST alert.

1 Peter 5:8-9: *“Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant and cautious at ALL TIMES; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon and devour.*

“Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset - rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world.” (The Amplified Bible)

B. His first approach is to sneak up on you, attack you and then blame God for it. The Scriptures make it clear that God is not the blame for these attacks (Job 1:9-18; 2:7)

C. Although some have mistaken the sovereignty of God for some type of meticulous control, thereby, giving Him improper credit for all of the negative circumstances that we experience, the Bible teaches something different. God's powerful mirror, which is His Word, tells us who is the true source of our difficulties and assures us that we can stand against it.

It should make us happy that God is not the source of our troubles because no one can fight against God and win. On the other hand, we have been given the commission to resist our true enemy in faith and God is on our side so we are guaranteed the victory.