HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO THE MIRROR LATELY?

Every morning I have the same routine; I get out of bed and pray about the day. I then turn on the coffee pot and make my way into the bathroom. There, I look into the mirror and begin to make some much needed improvements. First, I deal with gooky eyes. No, I didn’t say goo goo eyes! I wash away the sleepy stuff that cakes in on the corner of my eyes. I put in my contacts; brush my teeth, tongue, and comb what little hair is up there! All of these home improvements help me to become non offensive to those who have to look at me. I thank God for my mirror. I am even more thankful to the Lord for the mirror of His Word!

- James 1:21-25- “Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like the man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.”

In a world that is very much focused on outward appearance, we all need to be reminded of what God looks at. In I Samuel 16:7 the Bible declares “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” The reason for this is that our body is decaying and will eventually be turned into dust. I thank God that He has promised to give us a new body in Heaven one day. (For further study read Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 & I Corinthians 15) Our inward man, which constitutes our soul and spirit, will endure forever and can be renewed daily. II Corinthians 4:16 says “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

If this is the case, then why do we buy into the lie that our bodies need more care than our souls? The physical mirror will help us all maintain a presentable appearance, but only the life changing Word of God can help us become spiritually fit and attractive. We need to read the Word, reflect on what it is saying, remember it and respond to it with faith and obedience. Do you remember the Children’s story called “Snow White”? The wicked Queen would daily look into the mirror and say “Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?” She loved it when it said that she was! But then her life
fell apart when the mirror replied that Snow White was the fairest of them all. As Christians, our goal is to hear God say in response to what he sees in our hearts “Jesus is the fairest of them all and I see His image in you!”

- II Corinthians 3:18- “And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

POINT TO PONDER: OUR GOAL IS TO BE LIKE THE MOON—TO REFLECT THE SUN. ONLY THE SON I AM TALKING ABOUT IS JESUS CHRIST! WHO ARE YOU REFLECTING?

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