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MIRROR IMAGE

As a child I loved to sit in front of a mirror and make funny faces. I could certainly come up with some good ones. As I grew older, I used the mirror to find my imperfections and I certainly found many.

In the book of James 1: 23-24 it says, ***“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (mirror) for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”*** This means that he looks in the mirror, sees his imperfections and walks away without doing anything about it. The same word is used in I Corinthians 13:12 which says, ***“For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face: now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.”***(NKJV)

The Word of God is a mirror. It reflects truth to us. As we “look into it”, we see who we really are. We see if we have flaws (sin) and we then must determine to change by repenting or walk away and continue as we are. It is our choice. God never forces us to change.

It is said that a goldsmith heats gold up until the part of it that is impure comes to the surface. He then removes the “dross” or impurities. He knows when the gold is pure when he sees his reflection in the gold. This is what God wants us to do by looking into the mirror (God’s word). We are to remove the dross until all we see is “His” reflection. Then and only then are we to be satisfied with our lives. We become his “mirror image.”