

HOW DO YOU LOOK?

"As water reflects a face, so man's heart reflects the man." Proverbs 27:19

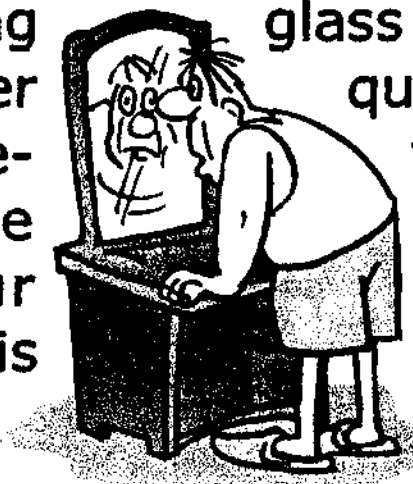
What is in the heart is what really counts. Often you hear one say, "God knows what is in my heart." True! Encouraging! Frightening! No one, except the Lord, knows fully and perfectly what is in the heart, but others can see much more than we realize.

The heart is not simply a reservoir, but a fountain. What is in the heart comes to the surface of our lives. "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks," Jesus said. (Matthew 12:34). He went on to explain, "The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him." (vs. 35). "A wise man's heart guides his mouth." (Proverbs 16:23). Emerson said, "A man cannot speak, but he judges and reveals himself."

One can put up a front! A façade! "Like a coating of glaze over earthenware are fervent lips with an evil heart." (Proverbs 26:23). Sooner or later a person's heart is seen by the general tenor of his words and actions, just as his face is perfectly reflected by water.

All the knowledge that we have of our personal appearance comes from looking at some reflecting surface. Nature provides a natural looking glass — the lake, the stream, or even a smaller quantity of water. There's also a medium for reflecting the heart — what we say, what we do, how we act, our temperament, our hopes and desires. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. Life is a reflection of the heart; the heart is a reflection of the man. "As he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7). What you think and what you do is the result of what you are. How do you look?

- Charles Cash, Siloam Springs, AR



If I take care of my character, my reputation will take care of itself. - Dwight L. Moody

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Jim Beagle & Family, and Randy Beagle & Family at the passing of Jim's mother, Gatha Beagle. God bless and comfort these families.

BAPTISM: Michelle Hanlon, 241 Harshaville Rd., Clinton, PA 15026. Phone: 724-899-3257.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Sharon Roberts and her daughter, Sara McKinnon, 255 Wilbert Ave., East Liverpool, OH 43920. Phone: 330-385-0180.

ADD TO NOVEMBER CALENDAR: Kathy (Collins) Hissam, Nov. 19th. Sorry for the omission.

SUNDAY EVENING SINGING: Following the worship period tonight, and Nov. 18th.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

PANTRY: Oatmeal & cereal. Other items needed to replenish the pantry: Canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, canned sweet potatoes. Bring a turkey to help needy families at Thanksgiving. Please help in this good work.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER & WITH CARDS: All on the sick and shut-in list. Especially remember: Jim Carbone (Helene Wilson's son-in-law), 98 Orange Blossom Lane, Ranson, WV 25438, Dan Williams, Bette Gentry, Cole Bellon (nephew of Michelle Hanlon), and Mary Powell (friend of Marlene Reynolds), 2136 Sherwood Ave., ELO 43920.

SICK & SHUT-IN: AT HOME: Shirley Beagle, Don Parsons, Ella Beagle, Diane Robinson, Dan Williams, Bobby Hadley, Taylor Heinselman, Ruth Brewer, Lloyd & Virginia Ferrell, Lloyd Cowdery, Mabel Sprout, Virginia Rickerd, Bette Gentry, Fred & Jean Larrimore, Sr., Fred Larrimore, Jr., Cheryl Stackpole, Betty Dunn. **NURSING HOMES:** Fox: Ray Baker, Opal Howell. Calcutta Health Care: Virginia Clutter. Pleasantview N. Retirement & Rehab., Salem: Ruby Kenney. Weirton Geriatric Center: Edna McKittrick, Ila Plum. Aspen Manor, Wellsburg: Ione Asher.

Choose The Right Way

Almost a century ago, Robert Frost wrote a poem called "The Road Not Taken." This poem is often recognized by its last three lines,

"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I —
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."



In Jesus' parable in Matthew about the wide and narrow gates, Jesus asks us to think along these lines as well. While Frost alludes to making a valuable life choice that seems to have worked well for him, Jesus speaks to us about the ultimate life choice. Some people say, "What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular." Jesus says this exact thing when He tells us to be righteous and follow His way rather than the way of the world. While it is easy to follow the way of the world, we will one day pay dearly for it. Just as Frost is thankful he took the road not taken, so should you be in choosing salvation and eternal life over death. Challenge yourself to give up worldly desires and take the road less traveled through the narrow gate to life in Christ.

- The Evening Review, 12-30-06

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)