

Mirror, Mirror On the Wall

The story is told of a missionary who once visited a very primitive tribe of people. These people had very little contact with the outside world, and they were totally unfamiliar with many things we take for granted. One of the things they had never before seen was a mirror. The only way they knew what they looked like was the very poor reflection one can sometimes see in the water. One day, the missionary hung a mirror on a tree. The tribe's chief happened to walk past the mirror, so he stopped, stood there, and looked at it for quite some time. Then he walked directly to the missionary and asked him to explain. The missionary explained what a mirror was and that it was a reflection of what he looked like. The chief promptly walked back to the mirror, took it off the tree, and smashed it on the ground. The missionary asked him why he broke the mirror to which the chief replied, "Because the face that was being reflected was ugly."

When I heard that story, I couldn't help but think that in spite of all our sophistication, we still behave quite primitively at times. God's word functions as a mirror to our soul. We can look at it and learn exactly what we look like to God and others. Sometimes, the reflection is not very flattering. So we're left with a choice. Do we try to destroy the mirror? Do we refuse to look in the mirror again? Or do we do what we can to improve the way we look? I know what the tribal chief did, but what do you do? Give it some thought.

"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer; he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:23-25).

~ Steve Higginbotham, Kames church of Christ, Knoxville, TN (via *Bulletin Digest*) ~

WHAT SHALL WE GIVE?

Shan Jackson

Before we can truly be useful to God we must meet Him face to face. Before we can accomplish any great thing we must go to God and find His will. Moses met Him at the burning bush and we meet Him through His inspired Word, but we must meet Him nonetheless.

And when we meet Him what shall we give? All David had was a sling, but with God's help that sling brought down a mighty giant and a mighty nation. All Jonathan had was a sword, but with God's help that sword also brought down the heathen. All Rahab had was a basket; all Dorcas had was some material; all Paul had was dedication and desire.

Anything and everything we have, being willing to use, God will glorify. Men and women surrounded by common things which God can make uncommon in usage.

Ask a farmer what he has as he stands before the open furrows of his field. His answer, "Only seeds." But seeds, as is the Word of God, are designed to be planted, and, the Lord will give the increase.

- Beacon, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL -

Mirror, mirror on the wall, can you see Christ in me at all?

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. only and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

CLASSES RESUME: All Bible classes will resume this **Wednesday, May 5th.**
PANTRY: Instant potatoes.

REQUEST FOR CARDS: Cheryl Renfro Walker (her mother was a member here several years ago; Cheryl has cancer), 229 Belgium Lane, Chester, WV 26034. **Gerald Joy** (member at Southern Hills with health issues), 144 E. Main St., Salineville, OH 43945.

SICK & SHUT-IN: WEIRTON MEDICAL: Randy Waite, Emma Rine. **AT HOME:** Jim Hadley, Charlie & Barb Delong, David McCoy, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Shirley Beagle, Alex Harless, Mary Johnson, Rick Beck, Josh Morrison. **FOX of ELO (Rehab Suites):** Marilyn Miller. **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Sarah Miller (Room 6). **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

GOSPEL MEETING

Pennsboro----- May 2-7 ----- Wade Webster
Sunday: 9:30, 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.; Mon. - Fri.: 7:00 p.m.

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd—that's **relationship!**
I shall not want—that's **supply!**
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—that's **rest!**
He leadeth me beside still waters—that's **refreshment!**
He restoreth my soul—that's **healing!**
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—that's **guidance!**
For His name's sake—that's **purpose!**
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—that's **growth**
through testing!
I will fear no evil—that's **protection!**
For Thou art with me—that's **faithfulness!**
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me—that's **discipline!**
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies—that's **hope!**
Thou anointest my head with oil—that's **consecration!**
My cup runneth over—that's **abundance!**
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—that's **blessing!**
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—that's **security!**
Forever—that's **eternity!**



Now what was that problem that was bringing me down?

- Think on Good Things (House to House) -