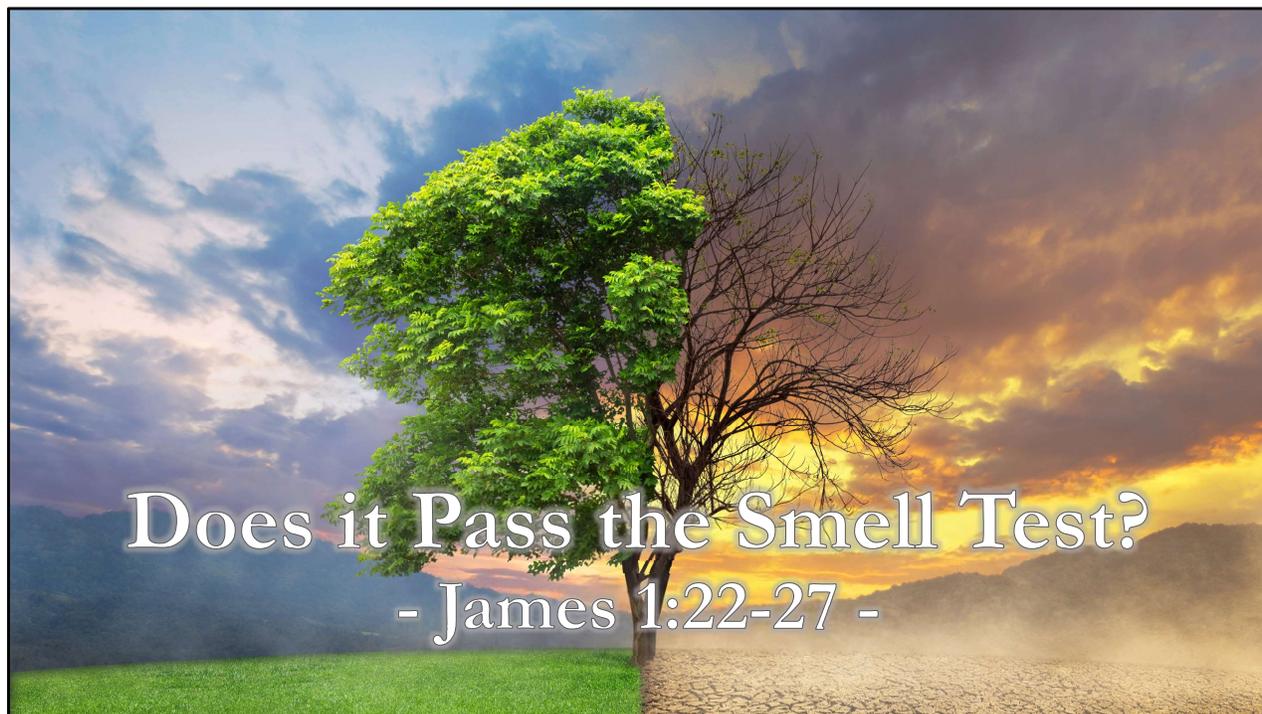


[Jas 1:22-25, 27 NASB20] 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; 24 for [once] he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. 25 But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the [law] of freedom, and has continued [in it,] not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does. ... 27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of [our] God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, [and] to keep oneself unstained by the world.



Ever smell a dead, decaying body? [Jas 2:17 NASB20] 17 In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, [being] by itself.

[Eph 5:2 WEB] 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

[Gen 8:21 WEB] 21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart [is] evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every living animal as I have done.

[Lev 1:9 WEB] 9 But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, [to be] a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

[Lev 3:16 WEB] 16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: [it is] the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor: all the fat [is] the LORD'S.

[Amo 5:21 WEB] 21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.

[2Co 2:15 WEB] 15 For we are to God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

Talk is cheap,  
Love is Steep!

Hear/Ear, Tongue, Hands...like the Priest

Lev 14:14 "The priest shall then take some of the blood of the guilt offering, and the priest shall put [it] on the lobe of the right ear of the one to be cleansed, and on the thumb of his right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot.

Just do it!

"actions speak louder than words"

"Words may show a man's wit, but actions his meaning." - Benjamin Franklin

"Walk the walk...talk ain't necessary" - George Akomas Jr

"Saying is a different thing from doing."

"A well done is better than well said." – Benjamin Franklin

*"Pay less attention to what men say. Just watch what they do."* – Dale Carnegie

*"If your actions don't live up to your words, you have nothing to say."* – DaShanne Stokes

*"The superior man acts before he speaks, and afterward speaks according to his actions."* – Confucius

*"Actions speak louder than words. And sometimes inaction speaks louder than both of them."* – Matthew Good

"It is lightning that strikes, not thunder."

– Matshona Dhliwayo

"Talk is cheap, but it can cost you plenty."

– Charles F. Glassman, [Brain Drain](#)

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"Words can be said easily, but one can't fake actions." - Jewel

"External actions are evidence of internal beliefs. Our deeds are what show our creeds." - Tim Hiller

"Lips and tongues lie. But actions never do. No matter what words are spoken, actions betray the truth of everyone's heart." - Sherrilyn Kenyon

"Actions define a man; words are a fart in the wind."

– Mario Puzo, [The Last Don](#)

We need not bold words as much as eloquent hands! me

Me? crosses evidence love

Jesus didn't state His love, He "staked" it!

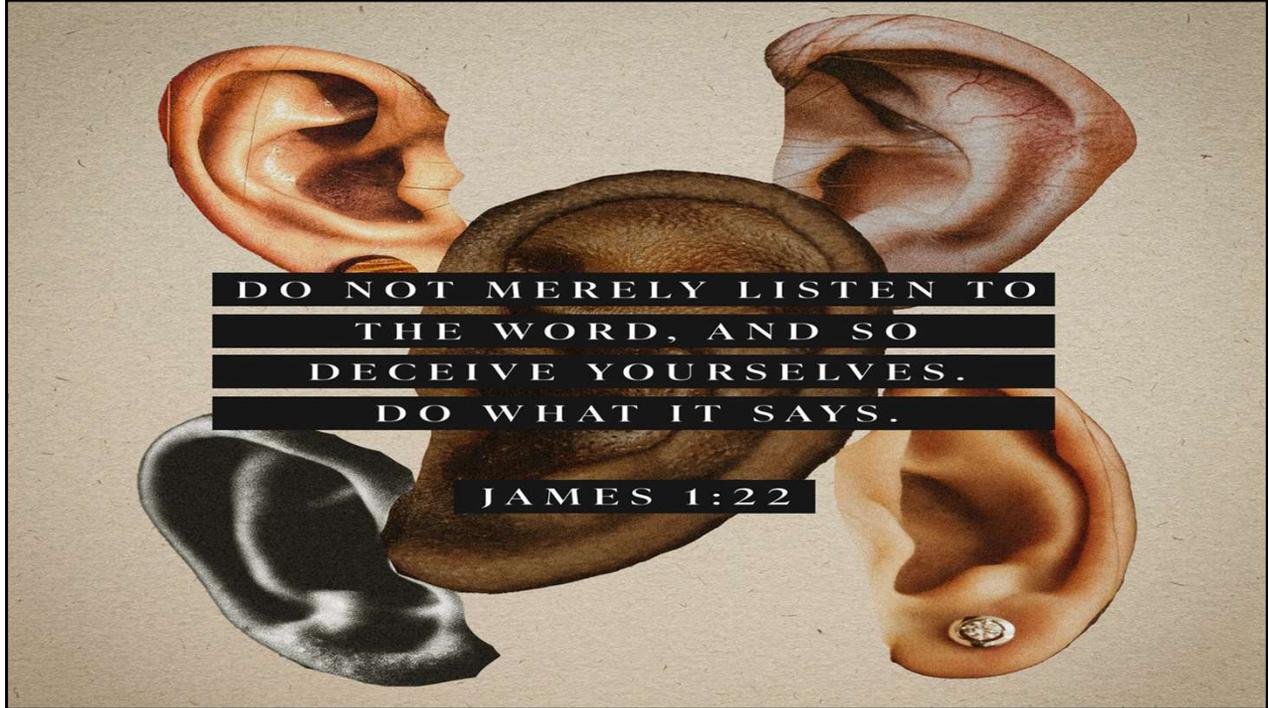
Jesus' Love wasn't so demonstrable in words but in a bloody cross! How have you shown him your love in return?

[1Jo 3:16-18 NASB20] 16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers [and sisters.] 17 But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother [or sister] in need, and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God remain in him? 18 Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

Does it pass the smell test?

James 1:22-27

- 1:22 “**not just hearers** who deceive themselves.” What is James rebuking here? Why are there so many false converts and carnal christians? Shouldn't the Lord expect much from us?!
- How much of the scriptures that you know, do you follow/live/obey?
- What are areas in your life where you “deceive yourself”? We ALL do, to some measure.
- What metaphor lesson is James using when he mentions a Mirror? 1:22-25
- Did you know that mirrors, as we know them, are relatively new, what would it be like IF we couldn't see ourselves clearly?
- What are some famous literary story's about “dangerous or poor reflections/mirrors”?
- Is it possible to be a true Christian who “lives” in brazen sin and unrepentant disobedience? Why are so many “christians” living in immorality”? Are they really saved? 1Jn.2:29, 3:7-10
- James mentions 3 specific areas of application at the end of the passage to “prove” our religion, which are??? How well are you doing these?



## All Ears?

### Love is Proven 22, don't be "Worthless" 26

[Jas 1:12, 16, 19, 22, 26 NASB20] 12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been **approved**, he will receive the crown of life which [the Lord] has promised to those who love Him. ... 16 **Do not be deceived**, my beloved brothers [and sisters.] ... 19 **You know [this,]** my beloved brothers [and sisters.] Now everyone **must be** quick to hear, slow to speak, [and] slow to anger; ... 22 But **prove yourselves** doers of the word, and not just hearers who **deceive themselves**. ... 26 If anyone **thinks himself** to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but **deceives his [own] heart**, this person's religion is **worthless**.

Many self-deluded folks are **deceived!** 3 different words

1:16 πλανᾷσθε πλανᾷω *planaō*, 4 places 1Cor.6:9, 15:33, Gal.6:7, Ja.1:16

1:22 *paralogizomai* (Key) par-al-og-id'-zom-ahee; deluded

1:26 *apataō* (Key) ap-at-ah'-o

**Faith without works is Dead!**

Its like the Avid Sports commentators listener who thinks He is an Exeprt in Football, criticizing Jalen Hurts, when he himself has never played a down!

## The Grand Deception!

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- “not just hearers who **deceive themselves.**” - 1:22
- Matthew 7:22-23 - “**Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’** “And then I will declare to them, **‘I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’**”

He saves us from??? Hell? Yes, BUT NO. From our sin and sinfulness! Why do we ONLY think of our redemption in terms of our escape and NOT His ownership! Our eternal benefit but not the loyalty that He deserves?!

Saves us to?? Love Him, Obey Him, Serve Him, forsake sin!

There is not a greater concern and quandary than a Pastor who's concerned for those under his care who are self deceived about their souls!

1. MANY! Not a few!
2. Will Say - words are cheap, Lip service. Isa.29:13, Mt.15:8
3. To ME, Lord, Lord, - They are claiming to be Christ followers
4. Did we Not, The works of humans do not save us! **Not by works of righteousness we have done** Titus 3:5. For/Against/perform! Preach in His name! Preacher/pastor/priests! Religious Cast out demons -
5. On that Day - A day of eternal judgment is coming!
6. I Never knew you! Never! Its about a relationship with Christ! 2Tim.2:19  
Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His;" and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to keep away from wickedness."
7. Practice lawlessness - Changed nature and character and heart! 1Jn.1:6, 3:10

The greatest deception of all is seen in Mt.7, where so many are so wrong in the most consequential of ways! (Eternal wrath)

[Mat 7:24-25 NASB20] 24 "Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 "And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

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[3Jo 1:11 NASB20] 11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does what is good is of God; the one who does what is evil has not seen God.

**[Jas 4:17 NASB20] 17 So for one who knows [the] right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin.**

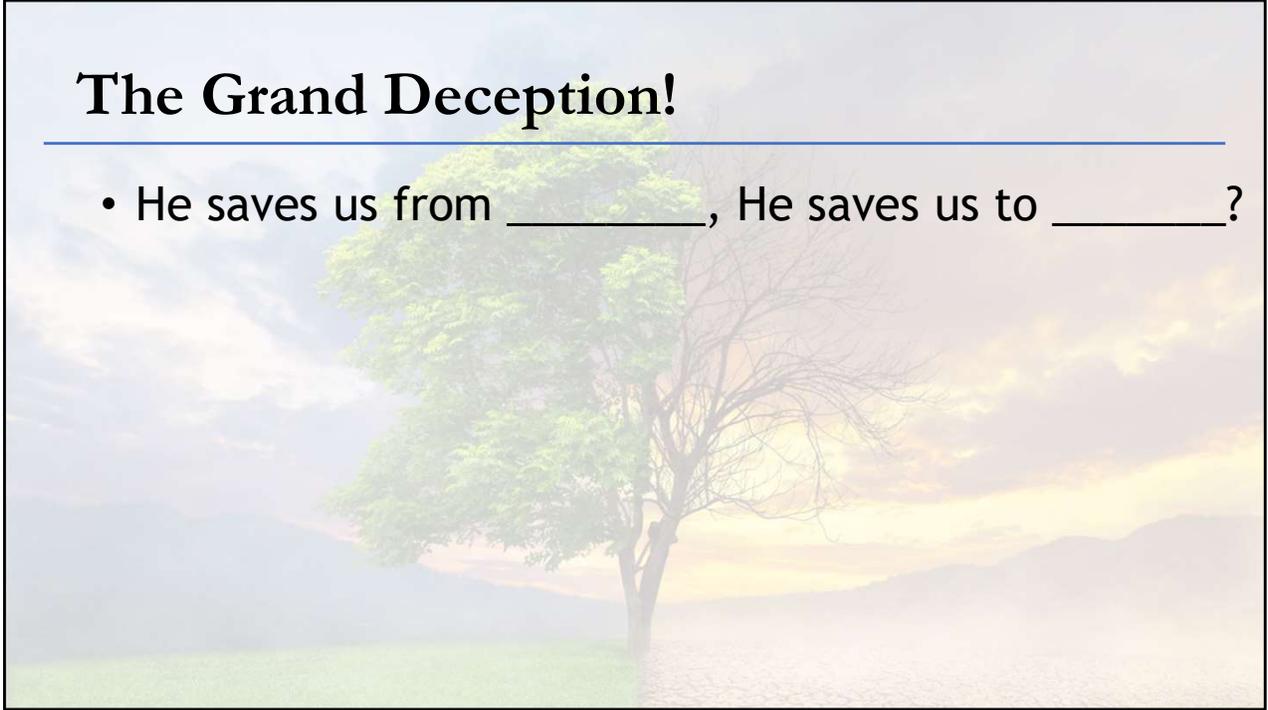
[Isa 29:13 ESV] 13 And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

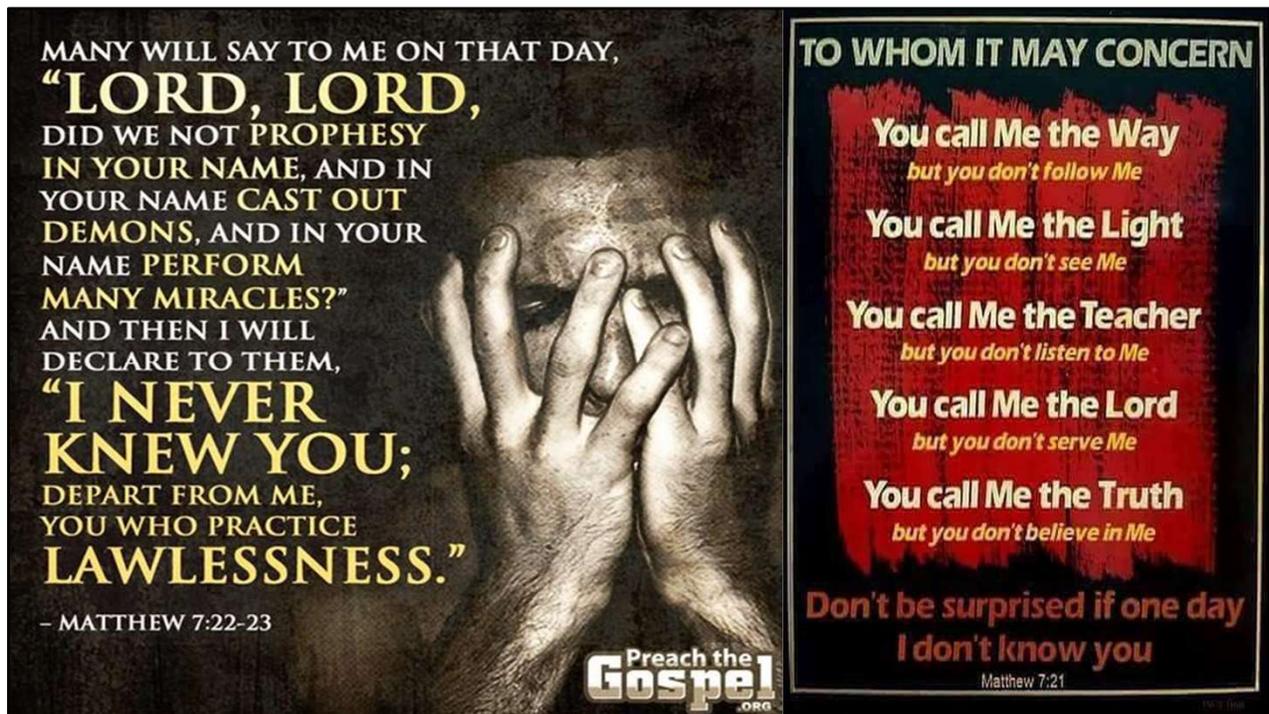
[Mat 15:8 ESV] 8 "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

## The Grand Deception!

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- He saves us from \_\_\_\_\_, He saves us to \_\_\_\_\_?





To Whom it may concern:

You call me the way...but you don't follow me (on the narrow path of righteousness)

You call me the light...but you don't see me (men love darkness rather than light)

You call me the teacher...but you don't listen to me (partial obedience is still disobedience)

You call me the Lord...but you don't serve me (Lk.6:46)

You call me the truth...but you don't believe in me (your trust is in your feelings, the Pop culture of a pagan world, the perversion of Gods assigned gender and sexuality)

Don't be surprised if one day I don't know you!

Mt.7:21

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doers of the word!  
“do gooders”

[Rom 8:7-8 NASB20] 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able [to do so,] 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**The Unregenerate man has no desire to do the will of God - He must be born again!**

**We do what we Love! The Sinner loves his sln! The saint loves his Savior! We need new hearts!**

**We need His grace to do His will! His way!**

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[**Eph 6:6 NASB20**] 6 not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, **doing the will of God from the heart.**

[**1Pe 4:2 NASB20**] 2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human lusts, but for the will of God.

[**Rom 2:14-17, 29 NASB20**] 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law instinctively perform the [requirements] of the Law, these, though not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience testifying and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of mankind through Christ Jesus. 17 But if you call yourself a Jew and rely upon the Law and boast in God, ... 29 But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from people, but from God.

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[Rev 12:9 NASB20] 9 **And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who**

is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

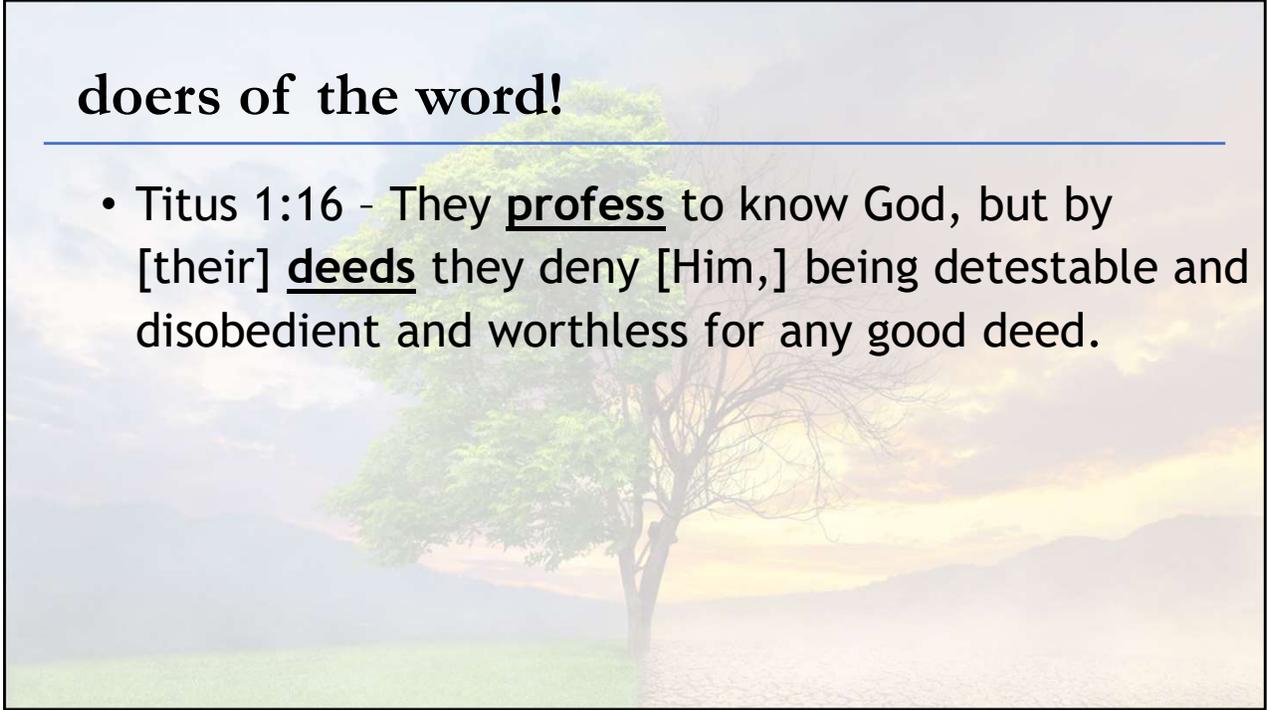
[Eze 33:31-32 NASB20] 31 "And they come to you as people come, and sit before you [as] My people and hear your words, but they do not do them; for they do the lustful desires [expressed] by their mouth, [and] their heart follows their unlawful gain. 32 "And behold, you are to them like a love song [by one who has] a beautiful voice and plays well on an instrument; **for they hear your words but they do not practice them.**

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**YOU DON'T JUDGE A TREE BY THE NAME IT WEARS**

*True Biblical Christians*

*... a Bad Tree Cannot Bear Good Fruit...*

*- Jesus*



*Matthew 7:15-20 KJV*

**YOU JUDGE A TREE BY THE FRUIT IT BEARS.**

[Mat 7:15-20 NASB20] 15 "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 "You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn [bushes,] nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

No More Sour grapes!

[Jer 31:29-30 NASB20] 29 "In those days they will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, But [it is] the children's teeth [that] have become blunt.' 30 "But everyone will die for his own wrongdoing; each person who eats the sour grapes, his [own] teeth will become blunt.

[Eze 18:2 NASB20] 2 "What do you [people] mean by using this proverb about the land of Israel, saying, 'The fathers eat sour grapes, But [it is] the children's teeth [that] have become blunt'?

[Isa 5:2 NASB20] 2 He dug it all around, cleared it of stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the middle of it, And also carved out a wine vat in it; Then He expected [it] to produce [good] grapes, But it produced [only] worthless ones.

Ever bite into half a worm?

## “Do not be deceived” ...

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- The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?
- “Bad company corrupts good morals.”  
- 1 Corinthians 15:33
- God is not mocked; for whatever a person sows, this he will also reap. - Galatians 6:7

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[Col 2:4 NASB20] 4 I say this so that no one will deceive you with persuasive arguments.

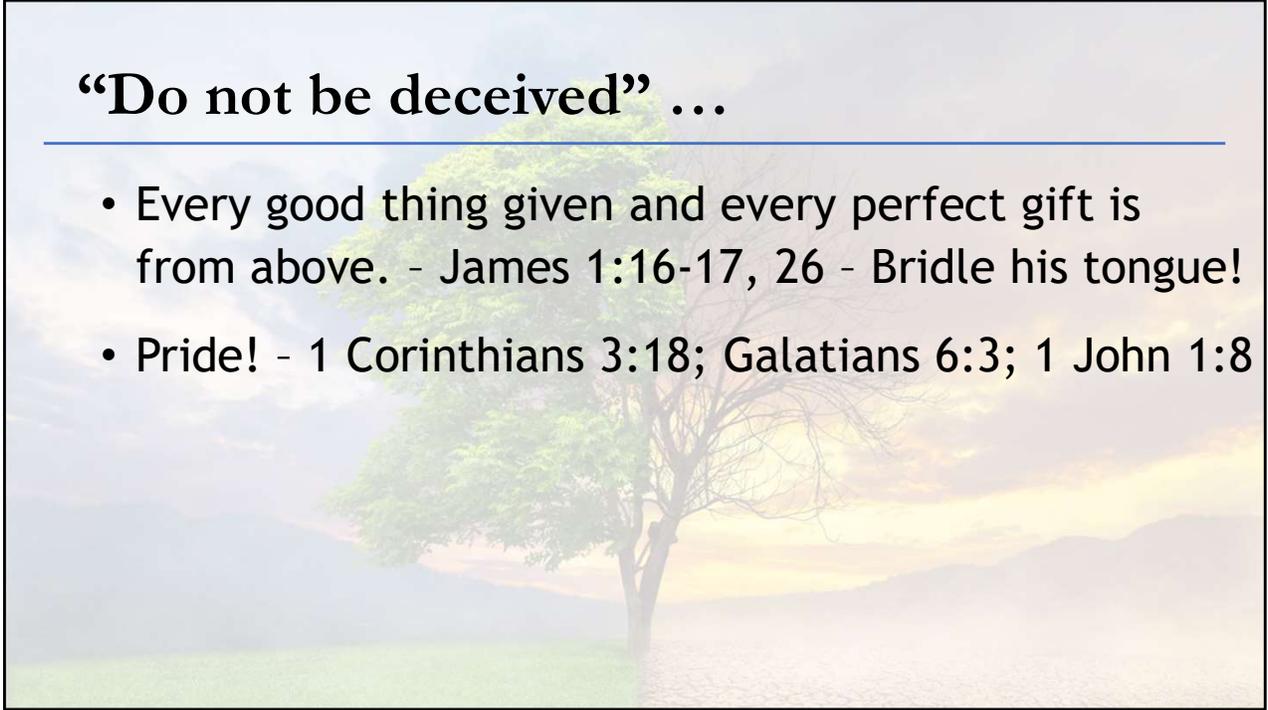
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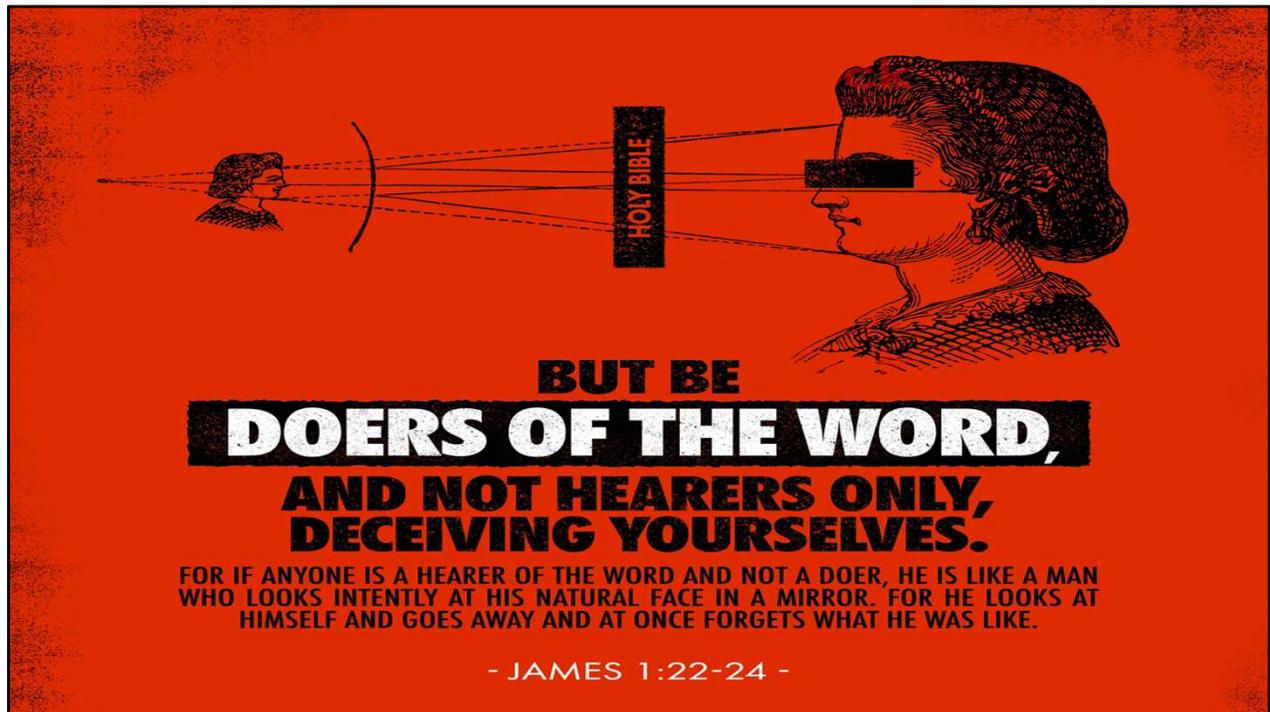
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## **“Do not be deceived” ...**

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- Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above. - James 1:16-17, 26 - Bridle his tongue!
- Pride! - 1 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 6:3; 1 John 1:8





See the cover of our fleshly eyes!  
See the Bible in the middle?!  
Its our lens to see the Lord, ourselves and our purpose

Last week we heard: BE Quick to Hear!!  
That's NOT enough! Now let's be quick to DO!!

## No such thing as Passive Christians!

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- How do you describe your Christianity?
  - What I no longer do? - James 1:21
  - Where I sit for an hour a week? A member?
  - How much I hear/know? Can debate/argue?
  - Is my Christianity informational or transformational!
  - “Follow me”!!! Grace, took my place!
  - Luke 14 - “you cannot be my disciple” unless ...

Is my Christianity informational or transformational!  
Replace the “I” with a Cross!

[Luk 14:26-27 NASB20] 26 "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and even his own life, he **cannot be My disciple**. 27 "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me **cannot be My disciple**.

[Luk 14:33 NASB20] 33 "So then, **none of you can be My disciple** who does not **give up all** his own possessions.

**3x “you cannot be my disciple” unless you!**

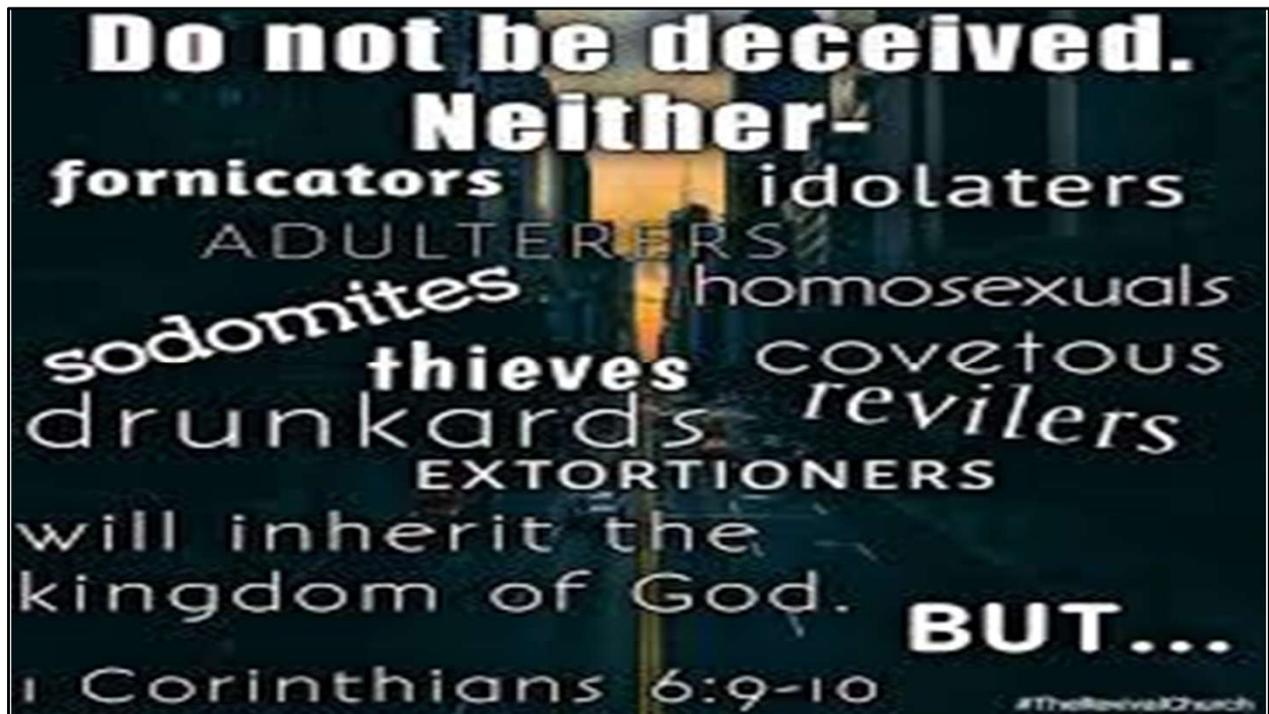
1. Love Christ more than all others, including spouse, children and even yourself!
2. Carry a cross, die to self, serve God whatever the cost, even amidst unfairness and injustice, so others can come to salvation
3. Give up all! To gain even better! Phil.3

The growing numbers of sermon-sippers who flit from one doctrinal dessert to another like helpless hummingbirds are deceiving themselves. “Deceiving” is from a verb used in the New Testament only here and in Colossians 2:4. *Paralogizomai* means “to cheat or deceive by false reasoning.” The deception comes from

*thinking they have done all that is necessary when actually listening to the Word is only the beginning. A fitting illustration of the “sit, soak, and sour” crowd follows.*

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1Co 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor [the] greedy, nor those habitually drunk, nor verbal abusers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

## Take a good look “in a mirror”

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- Mirrors, as we experience, are relatively recent
- Originally, we only had reflections in water
  - Greek mythology - Narcissus
  - The Laver, in the Temple! Reflection and cleansing, 4:8
  - Fairy tales - “Magic mirror on the wall, who’s the \_\_\_\_?”
- Polished metal, 4,000 years ago
- 1<sup>st</sup> real glass mirrors are from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD

[Jas 1:23 NASB20] 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

**Its so hard in our present day where our reflections are everywhere! To imagine a time you didn't have a picture of yourself, imagine that?!!**

*glancing at your face*. Lit., “observing the face of his origin” (*genesis* [1078, 1161]). Since the term *genesis* normally has the thrust of beginning or origins, some (Hort, Martin) see a reference to Gen 1:26-27 and the original “image of God,” the ideal person that God intended. Others (Adamson, Laws) take it to be “the face they were born with,” the persons they were created to be. However, the more general sense, “natural face” (NASB, ESV, Davids, Johnson, Moo), is best and means simply that they see “themselves” (NRSV) in the mirror.

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Osborne, G. R. (2011). [James](#). In P. W. Comfort (Ed.), *Cornerstone Biblical Commentary: James, 1-2 Peter, Jude, Revelation* (p. 41). Tyndale House

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. The first real glass mirrors in the record are from the 3rd century AD, consisting of extremely small (a few square inches) concave or convex metal surfaces with glass coatings. They were very small and expensive and most people did not have them

[Job 37:18 NASB20] 18 "Can you, with Him, spread out the skies, **Strong as a cast metal mirror?**

[1Co 13:12 NASB20] 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known.

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# Unrepentant Hedonist Really Banking On Sinner's Prayer He Recited At Age 7

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA—As he continues to live out a vigorous and shameless pursuit of anything and everything that gives him any degree of temporary pleasure, sources confirmed Friday that local unrepentant hedonist Justin Bergman, 29, is really banking on the sinner's prayer he recited as a small child.

## Poor reflections

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- After Adam, we are shattered/broken mirrors!
- What are we looking for as we gaze in the mirror?
  - For most, it's about "Vanity" - 1 Samuel 16:7
  - His "natural" face = γένεσις, "genesis", saw it was good
  - "Whose image is this? Render to God ... - Mt 22:20-21
  - "now we see in a mirror dimly" - 1 Cor 13:12; Isa 6:5
  - Looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord! - 2 Cor 3

Ever hear a woman tell another woman she is "glowing"? Beaming??  
Ever hear someone say, You'll never deny that child, they resemble you so much!

his "natural" face = γένεσις, genesis,

[Mat 1:1, 18 NASB20] 1 The record of the genealogy[G1078] of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: ... 18 Now the birth[G1078] of Jesus the Messiah was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit.

[Luk 1:14 NASB20] 14 "You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice over his birth[G1078].

[Jas 1:23 NASB20] 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural[G1078] face in a mirror;

[Jas 3:6 NASB20] 6 And the tongue is a fire, the [very] world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of [our] life[G1078], and is set on fire by hell.

[1Sa 16:7 NASB20] 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God does not [see] as man sees, since man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

[Isa 6:1, 5 NASB20] 1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ... 5 Then I said, "Woe to me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of armies."

[1Co 13:8-11 NASB20] 8 Love never fails; but if [there are gifts of] prophecy, they will be done away with; if [there are] tongues, they will cease; if [there is] knowledge, it will be done away with. 9 For we know in part and prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away with. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

[1Co 13:12 NASB20] 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known.

[2Co 3:3, 5, 7, 13, 16 NASB20] 3 revealing yourselves, that you are a letter of Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. ... 5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves [so as] to consider anything as [having come] from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, ... 7 But if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on stones, came with glory so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading [as] it was, ... 13 and [we are] not like Moses, [who] used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not stare at the end of what was fading away. ... 16 but whenever [someone] turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

[2Co 3:18 NASB20] 18 But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

[Gen 1:26-27 NASB20] 26 Then God said, "**Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness;** and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image, **in the image of God** He created him; male and female He created them.

[Gen 9:6 NASB20] 6 "Whoever sheds human blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For **in the image of God He made mankind.**

[Mat 22:20-21 NASB20] 20 And He said to them, "**Whose image and inscription is this?**" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then pay to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; **and to God the things that are God's.**"



We are shattered people, multiple



Ever NOT like what you see in the mirror?

Has scripture ever embarrassed you in your hypocrisy and the ugliness of your sin?



almost 10% of all women in the country suffering from **anorexia** at some point in their lifetime.

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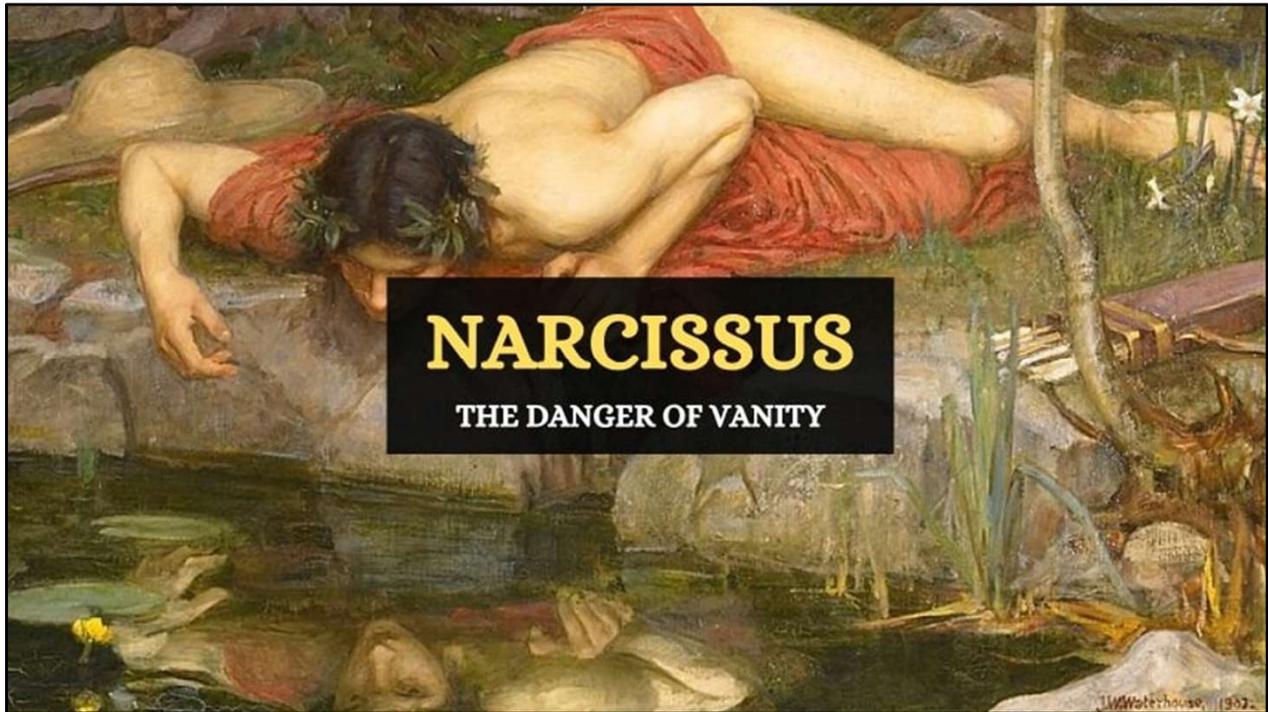
The Funhouse Mirror That Is Anorexia



Some have distorted views of themselves because they believed the deceiving mirror at the store or the twisted perspectives of how others see them or they themselves can see the ugliness of the sin in their own hearts!



[Jas 4:6-10 NASB20] 6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Submit therefore to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God and He will come close to you. Cleanse [your] hands, you sinners; and purify [your] hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy into gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.



In [Greek mythology](#), **Narcissus** ([/nɑːrˈsɪsəs/](#); [Ancient Greek](#): Νάρκισσος, [romanized](#): *Nárkissos*) was a hunter from [Thespieae](#) in [Boeotia](#) (alternatively [Mimas](#) or modern day [Karaburun](#), [Izmir](#)) who was known for his beauty which was noticed by all, regardless of gender. According to the best known version of the story, by Ovid,

**Narcissus rejected all advances, eventually falling in love with a reflection in a pool of water, tragically not realizing its similarity, entranced by it. In some versions he beat his breast purple in agony at being kept apart from this reflected love,** and in his place sprouted [a flower bearing his name](#).

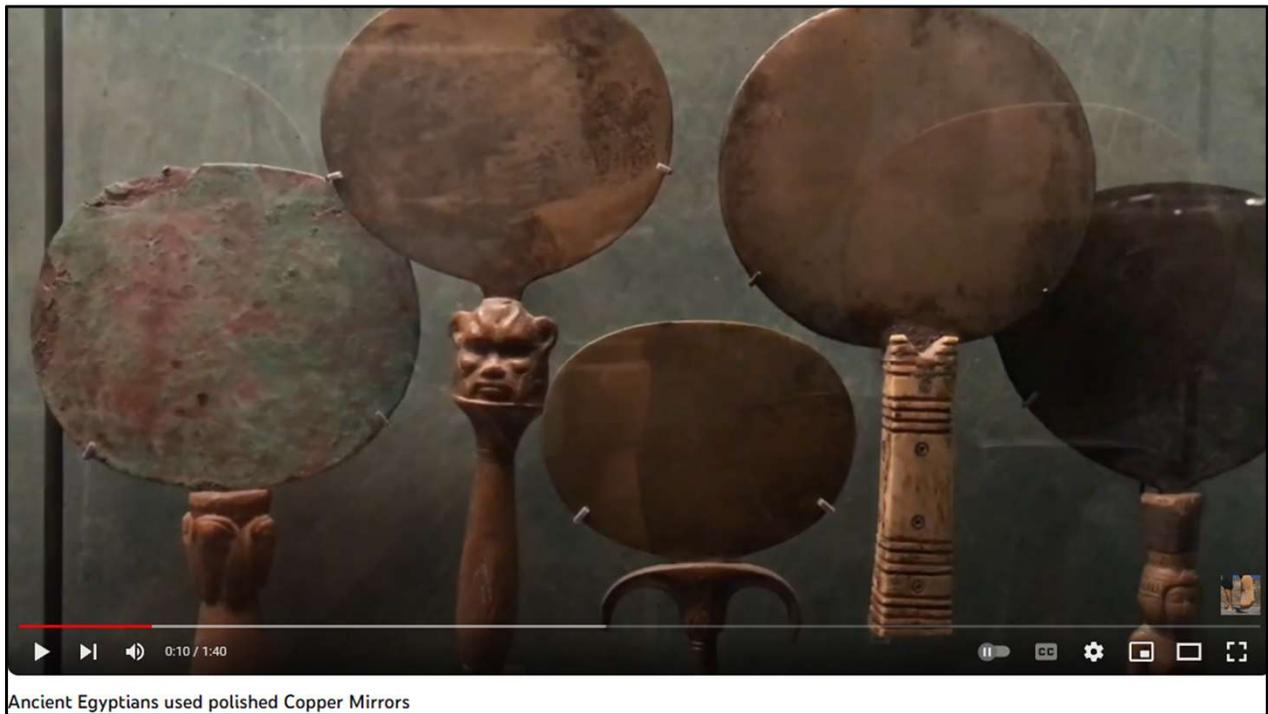
The character of Narcissus is the origin of the term [narcissism](#), a self-centered personality style. This quality in extreme contributes to the definition of [narcissistic personality disorder](#), a [psychiatric condition](#) marked by [grandiosity](#), excessive need for attention and admiration, and an inability to [empathize](#).

consulted the seer [Tiresias](#) about the boy's future, who predicted that the boy would live a long life only if he never "came to know himself". During his 16th year, after getting lost while hunting with friends, Narcissus came to be followed

by a nymph [Echo](#).

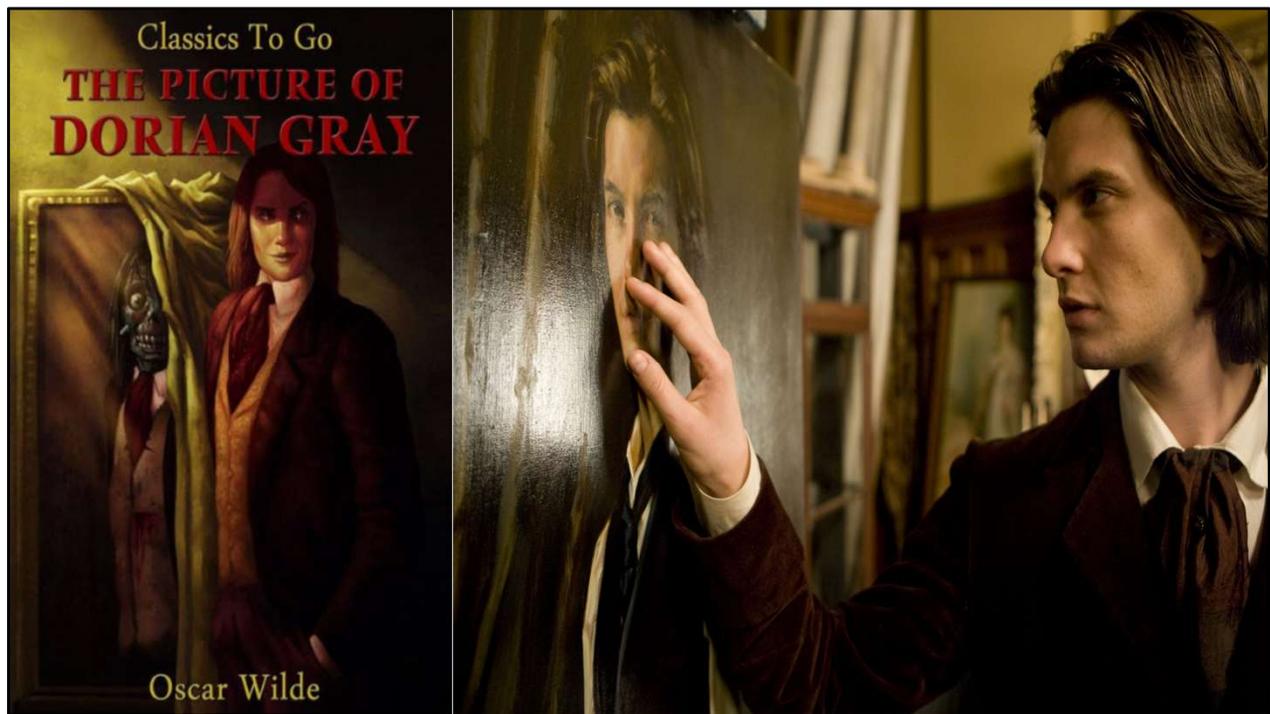
**The Narcissist is so in love with himself that he can never really know any other Love!**

[2Ti 3:1-2 NASB20] 1 But realize this, that **in the last days difficult times will come.** 2 **For people will be lovers of self,** lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,



2000 BC Egyptians  
4000 yrs ago

**They thought themselves powerful and glorious and yet lived in Da”Nile”**



Picture of Dorian Gray, moral fantasy novel by Irish writer Oscar Wilde, published in an early form in Lippincott's Monthly Magazine in 1890. The novel, the only one written by Wilde, had six additional chapters when it was released as a book in 1891. The work, an archetypal tale of a young man who purchases eternal youth at the expense of his soul, was a romantic exposition of Wilde's own Aestheticism.

The Picture of Dorian Gray tells the story of a young, beautiful man who trades his soul for eternal youth, then descends further and further into a moral abyss – until he discovers there is, after all, a price to pay for his actions.

Wilde himself admits, in a letter to the St. James's Gazette, that Dorian Gray “is a story with a moral. And the moral is this: All excess, as well as all renunciation, brings its own punishment” (Wilde 248). Why does Dorian hide the portrait in the attic?

When the picture begins to deteriorate in line with his morals, Dorian hides it in his attic to prevent anyone seeing its terrible decay. After twenty years of various excesses, Dorian still looks like he did when he was eighteen, but the

portrait has become foully distorted; a loathsome vision of his shrivelling soul.

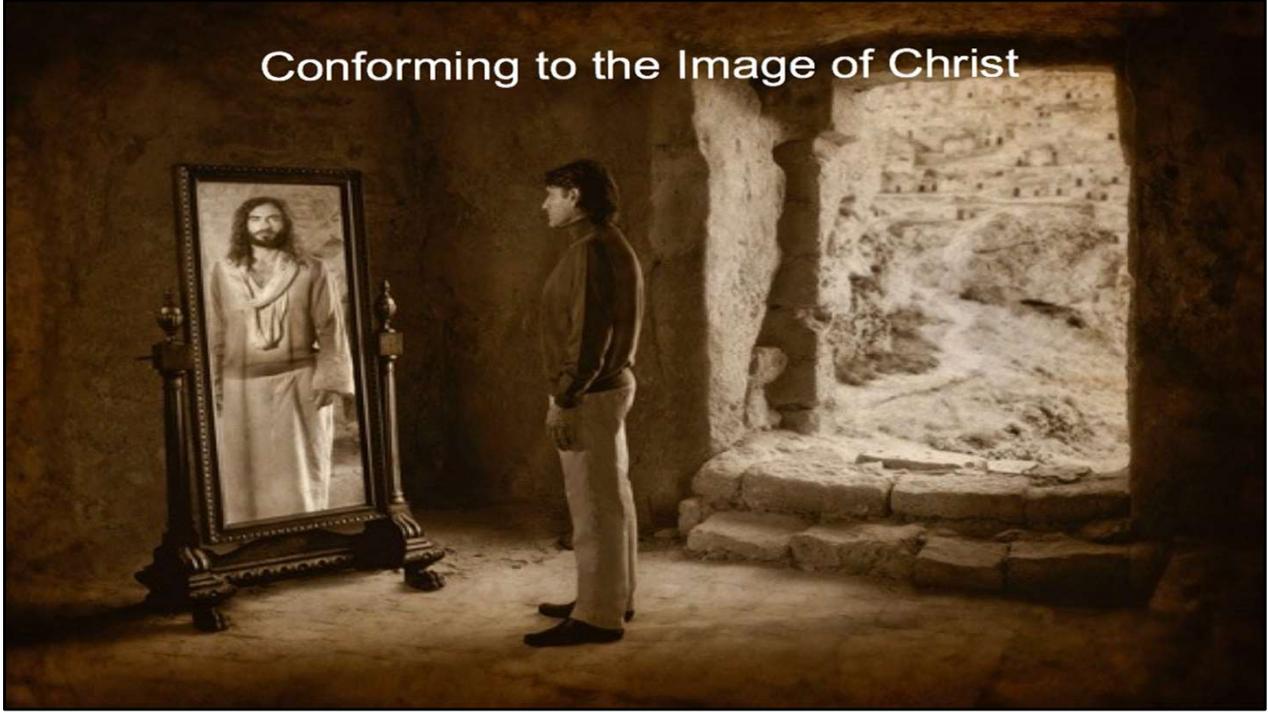
Dorian Gray is the story of a man who was able to look in the mirror and ignore the reflection of his loathsome, shriveling, dying soul!

Know anyone who Never wants their picture taken?



It actually changes the dresses and colors, you don't have to change

## Conforming to the Image of Christ

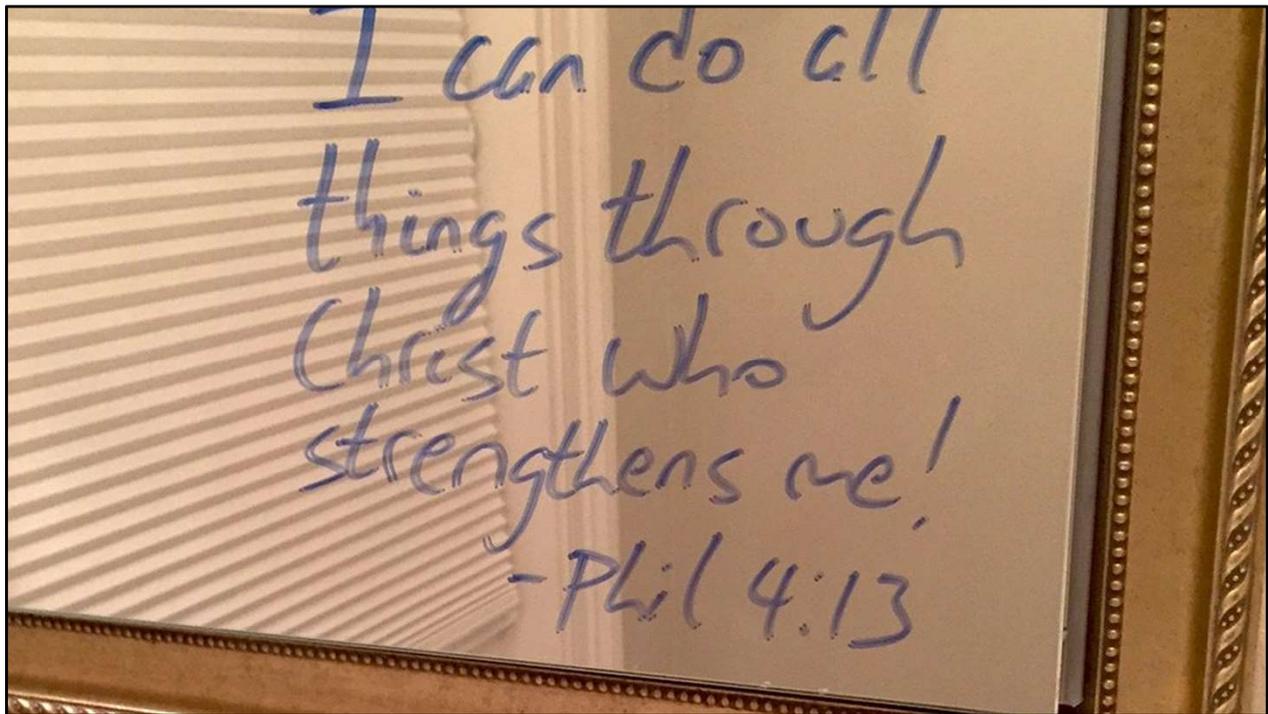




# Seeing Yourself as God Sees You

The Believer's Life in Christ, Part 3





This is a great idea, that as we spend the time we do preparing our outward appearance each day, we are implanting the internal beauties of scripture!

## The perfect law of liberty!

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- “a hearer of the word” vs 23, word implanted vs 21
- A man who “looks” at his face - vs 23-24, Mt 7:3
- Looked “intently” - Lk 24:12; 1 Peter 1:12
- **The perfect law, the law of freedom**
- Continued in it ... an active doer
- Will be blessed in what he does (in his doing (ESV))

The perfect law of liberty! Ok, so lets remove ALL driving laws are abolished, how much freedom will we really have?

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, NIV  
But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, ESV  
[Luk 24:12 NASB20] 12 Nevertheless, Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and when he stooped[G3879] and[G3879] looked[G3879] in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.  
[Jhn 20:5 NASB20] 5 and he stooped[G3879] to[G3879] look[G3879] [in,] and saw the linen wrappings lying [there;] however he did not go in.  
[1Pe 1:12 NASB20] 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things into which angels long to look[G3879].

Abides in it

**Looks!**

[Mat 7:3 NASB20] 3 "Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice[G2657] the log that is in your own eye?

[Luk 20:23 NASB20] 23 But He saw[G2657] through[G2657] their trickery and said to them,

[Act 7:31-32 NASB20] 31 "When Moses saw [it,] he was astonished at the sight; and as he approached to look[G2657] [more] closely[G2657], the voice of the Lord came: 32 'I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND ISAAC, AND JACOB.' Moses shook with fear and did not dare to look[G2657] closely[G2657].

[Act 11:6 NASB20] 6 and I stared at it and was thinking[G2657] about[G2657] it, and I saw the four-footed animals of the earth, the wild animals, the crawling creatures, and the birds of the sky.

[Act 27:39 NASB20] 39 Now when day came, they could not recognize the land; but they did notice[G2657] a bay with a beach, and they resolved to run the ship onto it if they could.

[Rom 4:19 NASB20] 19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated[G2657] his own body, now [as good as] dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb;

[Heb 3:1 NASB20] 1 Therefore, holy brothers [and sisters,] partakers of a heavenly calling, consider[G2657] the Apostle and High Priest of our confession: Jesus;

[Jas 1:23-24 NASB20] 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks[G2657] at[G2657] his natural face in a mirror; 24 for [once] he has looked[G2657] at[G2657] himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.



## If anyone thinks himself to be religious

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- Bridle his tongue,
  - The mouth is a quick revealer! Out of the overflow of the heart the mouth vomits!
- Visit orphans and widows in their distress,
  - Matthew 25 reminds us, Grace receivers, give it!
- Keep oneself unstained by the world
  - Guards his own heart. - Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 22:37-38

### Don't deceive yourself

- A Heart controlled by the Holy Spirit!
- A heart that sees the needs of others and remember I am no better! But by the grace of God, there go I
- A heart that is guarded and groomed, Like David. It is deceitful and we must guard what flows from it! Prov.4, Deut.17

1<sup>st</sup> Deal with yourself! Control your tongue!

2<sup>nd</sup> Love your neighbor, especially those who have nothing to give in return

3<sup>rd</sup> Keep yourself for the Lord! The enemy is relentless but our love must be never failing

**Please remember our own Lord made sure to take care of his earthly Mother, Mary, as He hung from the cross. 1 of the 7 Last sayings! A Widow, with other children yet.**

[Jhn 19:27 NASB20] 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her into his own [household.]

But prove yourselves

## Do you pass the smell test?!!

bridle his tongue

No man can do it, It takes the Holy Spirit!

It's better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt – Abraham Lincoln

## Unstained, spotless

[1Ti 6:14 NASB20] 14 that you keep the commandment without[G784] fault[G784] [or] reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

[1Pe 1:19 NASB20] 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless[G784], [the blood] of Christ.

[2Pe 3:14 NASB20] 14 Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found spotless[G784] and blameless by Him, at peace,

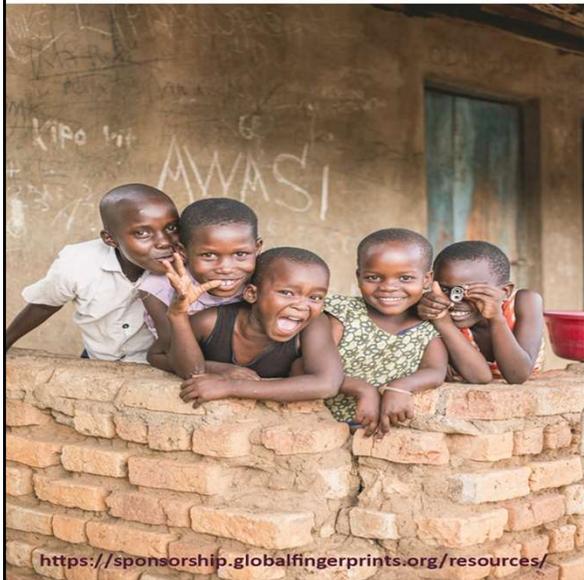
[Act 15:19-20 NASB20] 19 "Therefore, it is my judgment that we do not cause trouble for those from the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols, from [acts of] sexual immorality, from what has been strangled, and from blood.

[1Jo 3:17-18] But whoever has worldly goods and sees his brother [or sister] in need, and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God remain in him? 18 Little children, let's not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

[Jas 4:4] You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

[Jhn 17:14-15] "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 "I am not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them away from the evil one.

[1Jo 2:15-17 NASB20] 15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 The world is passing away and [also] its lusts; but the one who does the will of God continues [to live] forever.



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A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten The red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone

and makeup.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, Naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car."

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# WATCH THE HANDS



THEY CONCEAL THE WEAPONS THAT WILL KILL YOU



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