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**See For Yourself**

1 Corinthians 13:10-12 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (KJV)

Ever try looking into a mirror, say after a shower and it is clouded a bit? Yeah, once you get rid of the darkness, or that which obscures the vision, then you are able to see clearly what is going on. This pretty much describes our walk with the Lord, where we are clouded by our carnal thinking until the Lord comes along and shows us a clearer way of doing things by getting ourselves out of the way. Real growth and maturity comes to the believer in Christ when they see less of themselves in the mirror, and more of Christ looking back their way.

Proverbs 12:15-16 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise. (16) A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame. (KJV)

A prudent man is one that covers his shame, and that would be with a robe of the Lord’s righteousness and not that of their own. All the fussing and fighting we see going on around us, and yes even in the Church realm, is a result of foolish people trying to justify themselves when deep down they know they are not where they should be in their walk with the Lord. The Lord brings correction our way so that we will see where we should be in our walk, and not just in our talk.

Psalms 36:1-2 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, that there is no fear of God before his eyes. (2) For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his iniquity be found to be hateful. (KJV)

Some of God’s people are carrying around a lot of baggage which is in the form of anger and frustration, which then leads to hate. Some of these people spend a lot of time trashing others, especially when they are not around, and then wonder why they don’t progress in their walk with the Lord. The things that we see illustrated above can be summed up in one word, pride. So someone that may have begun their walk with the Lord with good intentions is now walking away from Him rather than with Him.

Proverbs 21:2-5 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. (3) To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice. (4) An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin. (5) The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want. (KJV)

When we don’t spend time in the Word on a daily basis, making the Lord our priority, then we don’t see who we really are and where we need to be in our walk. When you no longer look to the Lord as your source of strength, then your search will go from spiritual back to the carnal realm, which will leave you lacking.

Proverbs 30:12-13 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness. (13) There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up. (KJV)

The Bible tells us that those that have a pure heart with pure motives will be able to see God. Those that are no longer looking into their own mirrors to examine themselves will end up off the path of life and on to one that will lead to strife. Do you see who you really are in Christ, and is He pleased with your walk today?

Isaiah 5:20-21 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (21) Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (KJV)

There is a big difference between what man considers good and what our Lord calls good and approved in His sight. So today when looking into your spiritual mirror, will you see someone who God considers His good and faithful servant?