

Discussion Questions:

Why do we need God's Word to show us our real spiritual condition?

What causes us to forget our spiritual condition?

Why don't we act immediately on what we see revealed in God's Word?

How is hearing God's Word and not acting on it self-deceptive?

Why is perseverance a necessary part of obedience?

What are some blessings that come from obedience?

Mirror, Mirror on the Wall

James 1:22-25

God's Word is a mirror that reveals our true spiritual condition. Looking intently into it will show us the flaws, blemishes and imperfections which can only be corrected by the power of God. When we receive an accurate picture of our needs, what is our response? Do we act on what we've seen or do we nod in agreement before moving on to something else?

A Man with a Forgotten Condition

This man does many things correctly. First, he studies God's Word intently paying close attention to what it says and what it reveals about his spiritual condition. After seeing his flaws and understanding what God instructs him to do, he walks away without making a single change. He deceives himself by not putting God's Word into practice.

A Man of Resolute Action

After noticing his needs as revealed in God's Word, he immediately acts upon what he has learned. He will not give up until he sees the change take place, until he has obeyed completely. As a result of his obedience, he is blessed by God.