



LIFE SPEAKS TO US!

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REFLECTIONS...can be seen daily, starting with your morning. Dressing in front of the mirror. For some of us, it can be painful. How can this be? Is that really me? Some are distorted, like in a pond or a funny mirror. But most times they reflect the true image. The Free Dictionary defines it this way. “The act of reflecting or the state of being reflected. Something, such as light, radiant heat, sound, or an image, that is reflected.” I like these. “The return of light, heat, or sound after striking a surface.” And, “something reflected, as an image.”

While our daughter, Evelyn, was jogging in Dallas recently, she observed this beautiful scene and stopped to photograph it. It was down by White Rock Creek. She showed it to us and asked that we turn it upside down. Interestingly, it looked virtually the same. The water was reflecting the sky and trees, actually creating a ‘double image’ so to speak.

Of course, I immediately started thinking—life lesson! Well, wouldn’t you? One scripture speaks volumes.

“As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man” ([Prov.27.19 ESV](#)). And we all know, the cleaner the reflective surface, the clearer the reflected image. I have been told that in times past, mined gold would be placed in a vat and brought to a very high temperature. When all the dross was settled at the top, it would be scraped away, and if your face reflected a clear image, they would know the gold was purified.

As a Christian believer, are you reflecting the Lord who dwells in you through his Spirit. Or is it marred by the dross of disobedience? When you look into your spiritual mirror, what is being reflected? As a father, do your children see an image of their heavenly Father when they observe you? The Proverb above is so correct. The heart of any man or woman is reflecting who you are. Scripture tells us that ***“The heart of man is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it”***. ([Jer. 17.9 ESV](#))

And it is even further convicting when it says; ***“For out of the mouth the heart speaks”***. ([Mt. 12.34b ESV](#)) We can't hide it. All of us are reflecting who we really are when we speak and/or act. Guilty as charged!! I sometimes hate writing these because they end up being entirely about me and so convicting.

So, what is the answer? You start with confession and repentance, and earnestly desire the fruit of the Spirit, which only the Spirit can produce in and through you. ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law”*** ([Gal. 5.22 ESV](#)). These are free from any dross. Can we ever reach perfection in all these here on Earth, NO; but we can eagerly desire and pursue attaining this fruit. The comforting truth is; Jesus is all of these and more, and he desires to reflect his nature through you and me. His grace is sufficient! Jesus told Philip and his disciples; ***“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father”***. ([Jn. 14.9b ESV](#)) A clear reflection!

Finally, where does the cross of Christ fit in all this? First, it reflects the depth of God's love for us. Secondly, it took away the penalty of the 'dross' in our lives, making us free to live a life reflecting his glory. We are his image bearers to our families, friends, enemies and the lost. If you are a believer, you have been justified, are being sanctified and one day you will be glorified. Because of the cross, God sees a glorified son and daughter of the King. Take another close look at yourself in the morning? Let me know what you saw?

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