**God’s Mirror**

*James 1:21-25*

1. The Word Reveals
2. It is always correct. (It doesn’t lie.)

* 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; 1 John 1:8-10; Titus 1:2

1. Our reaction to the Word shows our true character.

* Hebrews 4:11
  + Diligent (KJV – labor) – *spoudazō* - to use speed, that is, to make effort, be prompt or earnest.
* 4:12-13
  + It will cut right through the front you are putting on and show your true self.
  + We are not hidden from God.

1. The Word Only Saves Those Who Obey

* Luke 11:28
  + Keep – *phulassō* - to watch, that is, be on guard.
  + Always watchful, and on guard, that you are in accord with the Word.
* James 1:21-25; 2:10, 12; Philippians 2:12

1. The Word Reveals What Is Modest

* 1 Timothy 2:8-10
  + Modest – orderly.
  + Propriety (KJV – shamefacedness) – bashfulness, that is, (towards men), modesty.
    - Matthew 5:27-28
      * The man sinned…but was the woman dressed with propriety?
  + Moderation (KJV – sobriety) – soundness of mind, that is, self-control.
    - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
  + Not merely outward appearance, but an inward show of character and intent of the heart.
    - Godliness – piety (reverence) toward God; a Godward attitude; attitude pleasing to God.
    - 1 Peter 3:3-6
* Dressing flashy, or dressing not to cover up, but to reveal for attraction, is immodest dress. So where do we draw the line? What is acceptable to God?
* The mirror, that is, God’s word, reveals unto us in further detail what modest apparel is.
  + Genesis 3:7 (knew they were naked)
    - Coverings not sufficient, and they knew it (v. 8-10).
    - God covered their nakedness (v. 21).
      * Tunic – (KJV – coat) Ketonet – to cover; a shirt – coat, garment, robe.
        + Zondervan’s Bible Dictionary – *“This garment usually had long sleeves, and extended down to the ankles when worn as a dress coat, and was held in place by a girdle. Hard-working men wore them more abbreviated – sometimes even to their knees, and without sleeves.”*
  + Exodus 28:40, 42
    - Tunic – same as Genesis 3:7.
    - Linen trousers – “to cover their ***nakedness***”
      * *“reach from the waist to the thighs”*
      * Isaiah 47:2-3 (uncovering of thigh = nakedness)
        + *Thigh – the part of the lower limb in humans between the hip and the knee. (dictionary.com)*
  + The occasion is irrelevant.
  + Tight clothing is also unacceptable. (tunics were loose fitting)
  + Are you considering others? (stumbling block)

**Conclusion**

* God’s word is a mirror that exposes your blemishes.
* Are you going to deceive yourself by walking away, and forgetting what you saw?
  + If so, it won’t change what man you actually are.
* Look to the mirror of God’s word, and a physical mirror, and see if your apparel is within God’s standard of dress.
* If not, change it!