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Jim went and looked in the mirror. There were mud spots dried all over his face. His clothes were muddy, too, and his hair was very mussed.

Just then he heard a whistle outside. His friend Tom wanted to play with him, so Jim ran from the bathroom out the back door and forgot all about what he had seen in the back mirror.

Looking into the mirror didn't do Jim much good, did it? Many people look into God's mirror that way. Even when they see the dirt in their life, they forget to do something about it.

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For example, when we hear Jesus say, "Love one another as I have loved you," we can see that we haven't been as loving and kind as Jesus wants us to be. Or when the Bible says, "Be glad in the Lord always," but we have been grumpy, then we hear God saying how we ought to be. That is like looking into a mirror. The Word of God shows us what's wrong with us.

But it doesn't do any good to look into a mirror and then not do something about what we see. When our face is dirty, it needs to be washed. When our hair is mussed, it needs to be combed.

When we see that God wants us to be kind, we need to quit being mean to people. When God tells us to be happy, we ought to quit being grumpy. The Holy Bible says, "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only."

How can we straighten out what we see in the mirror? Why didn't the look in the mirror help him? What is God's mirror? How can we look into this mirror? Who is the only One who can wash away our sins? How does He do it? What can we do to keep our lives from getting messed up?

Bible Reading for older children and adults: Matthew 7:21-27

OUR PRAYER:

Dear Father in Heaven, please lead us to look into Your mirror often, and to ask Jesus to wash away our sins. Help us also to walk in the ways that are right and good, so that our lives will remain clean. Amen.



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