



Mirrors:
Seeing Yourself
Clearly

2 Corinthians 13:5

A. Self-Awareness is a part of the Christian life.

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless of course, you fail the test?”
2 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

1. We look into ourselves with humility.

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”
Romans 12:3 (NIV)

2. It is natural to investigate our own needs.

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interest of others.” Philippians 2:4 (ESV)

3. Seeing yourself as one God values.

“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness.” James 3:9 (NIV)

B. Recognize how looking in affects looking out.

1. Recognize the new in you.

“So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NIV)

2. Recognize the true mirror.

“We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

3. Recognize the gift of grace.

“But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life.”
1 Timothy 1:16 (NIV)

“But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 (NIV)

4. Recognize weakness as an opportunity.

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.” Matthew 7:3-5 (NIV)

5. Recognize the “how” for the blessing.

“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”
James 1:25 (NIV)

C. A Biblical self-image looks like:

1. Hating your sin, but never hating yourself.

“But He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

2. Being quick to repent.

“...I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.”
Acts 26:20b (NIV)

3. Never being afraid of admitting you’ve made a mistake and not always assuming that when things go wrong, it must be your fault.

“Then I acknowledged my sin to You and did not cover up my iniquity.” Psalm 32:5a (NIV)

4. Taking good care of yourself, physically.

“For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)

5. Loving God as the focus of your knowledge.

“...We know that ‘We all possess knowledge.’ But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought. But whoever loves God in known by God.”
1 Corinthians 8:1b-3

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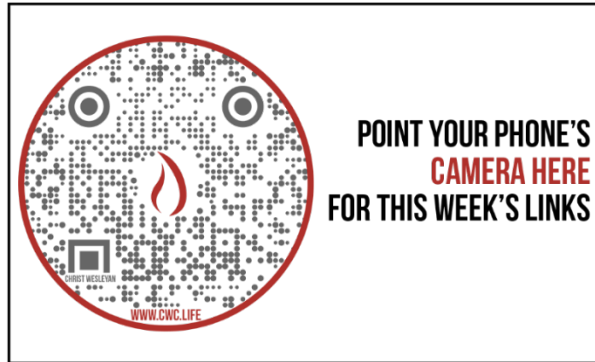
Bottom Line:

“We cannot think of being acceptable to others until we have first proven acceptable to ourselves.”
-Malcom X-

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Notetakers are History Makers

Next Sunday: “by Design”
Week 7: The Finishing Touches
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 93.5% of goal

Giving year to date: 89.9% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,724

Salvations to date: 20 | Baptisms to date: 35

Upcoming Happenings:

August 11 – Get Out Sunday!

We will meet outdoors in our local communities!

We will worship and hear the Word together.

We will go out and pray for our schools, teachers, and students and administrations.