

“Mirror, Mirror on the Wall ...”

“My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man, who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.”

James 1:19-25 (NIV)

1. There is a relationship with, and a responsibility to the Word

Observations from the Mirror

2. We often see the obvious but we must examine the important

*“There was a wealthy, influential man named Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. He was the son of Abiel, son of Zeror, son of Becorath, son of Aphiah, of the tribe of Benjamin. His son **Saul was the most handsome man in Israel—head and shoulders taller than anyone else in the land.**”*

1 Samuel 9:1-2 (NLT)

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“...pray for one another...” James 5:16

“And Samuel said, ‘Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel.’”
1 Samuel 15:17 (ESV)

“‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse replied. ‘But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.’ ‘Send for him at once,’ Samuel said. ‘We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.’ So Jesse sent for him. **He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes.** And the Lord said, ‘This is the one; anoint him.’”
1 Samuel 16:11b-12 (NLT)

What is your Goliath in the mirror?

“Our response to things is almost always more important than the thing that is happening. Negative reactions like fear, jealousy, anger or manipulation may produce short-term results; but they will lead to inner poverty and ultimately to circumstantial bondage.”
Source Unknown

Saul: The jealousy was obvious; the insecurity was his Goliath

“Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. ‘They have credited David with tens of thousands,’ he thought, ‘but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?’ And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.”
1 Samuel 18:8-9 (NIV)

David: The complacency was obvious; lack of accountability was his Goliath

“In the spring of the year, when kings normally go out to war, David sent Joab and the Israelite army to fight the Ammonites. They destroyed the Ammonite army and laid siege to the city

of Rabbah. However, David stayed behind in Jerusalem.”
2 Samuel 11:1 (NLT)

3. Self-examination can be revealing and freeing

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.”
Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)

4. David hated sin; Saul hated getting caught

5. David focused on relationship, Saul on reputation

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