

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 5: Accountability

Lesson 3: Solve It

The Cave of Wisdom

The Cave Opening - The Burning Bush: Deception or Solution.

Welcome back to the cave of “Deception”. When you look in the mirror each morning, do you really see yourself? Or do you just see what you want to see. And after you leave the house do you forget what you saw in the mirror? Do you see changes you need to make in your actions or attitude, but you forget about them quickly? It is easier to do nothing than to make the difficult choices to give up things which we like to do.

This was the problem which James addressed to the people of the church: hearing the Word and doing nothing about it. The Word tells us how to live, but what if we ignore the Word and do as we please. James tells us that this person is like someone who looks in a mirror, then forgets what he looks like. My father always said when departing, “If I don’t see you again, remember what I looked like the last time I saw you.” This was a constant reminder to remember my father’s face. And I still do today.

But what about our Lord Jesus? When we hear His Word, which shows us his face, do we remember what he looks like, and do we take action to correct what he tells us to do? It is encouraging to note that those who do the Word are “blessed” in what they do. Are you being blessed today or are you deceiving yourself? What aren’t you seeing in the mirror each day and what are you forgetting?

Circle of Fire: Do not deceive yourself.

Scripture: James 1: 22-25; Luke 16: 19-31.

James 1: ²² But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he looks at himself, goes away, and right away forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who acts—this person will be blessed in what he does.

Show the video: “James” to explain looking in a mirror.

Biblical Character: The Rich Man

Dress as the rich man in agony of thirst in the fires of hell where you are tormented continually. Tell what you didn’t see each time you went through the gates and passed Lazarus in need. Actually the rich man did see Lazarus, but he ignored him and soon forgot what he saw. Use a hand held mirror to look at yourself and compliment how terrific your face, hair, clothes, etc. look.

Media: Show the video “The Rich Man and Lazarus”.

Modern Character(s): Brad Pitt. Show the video “Countdown – Brad Pitt and Katrina Relief”. This video shows how a rich man can do good things for the poor. Mr. Pitt saw the need, owned the response, solved it, and took action. Are you willing to do the same? That is how you will achieve God’s dream for yourself.

Show the video: “Colin Powell on Education”. “Pull your pants up, apply yourself.” The former Secretary of State has some tough comments about the responsibility of you to get an education. Discuss the video with the tribe.

Show the video: “Looking in the Mirror”. What do you see when you look in the mirror each day?

The Tribe: Deceiving ourselves keeps us from moving toward the dream.

Craft: “Mirror, mirror on the wall, am I God’s dream for me at all!” See Appendix 8 Craft for instructions to make the “I am Mirror”.

Recreation Activity: “Magic Lock Box”. See Appendix 6 Recreation for instructions and resources.