

# Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

## PRAIRIE VILLAGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Scripture of the Week



#### James 1:23-25

*“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”*

Mirrors hold a place of fascination in the collective imagination of the human race. There have been legendary stories told of the power of extraordinary mirrors. In *Through the Looking Glass*, Lewis Carol’s famous sequel to *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice’s adventure began when she stepped through a magical mirror, into an alternative world with a bizarre environment and peculiar creatures. God compares His Bible to a mirror in James 1:23. When we step into His looking glass, it opens up a whole new, wonderful world to us as well. But unlike Alice’s fantasy world, God’s mirror reveals to us the realm of eternal, spiritual reality. God is a

Ours is a society obsessed with external appearance. We’ve grown so dependent upon mirrors, we would feel insecure without having one nearby to regularly examine the way we look. God provided us the most precious of all mirrors when He gave us the Bible, because He designed His mirror to cast the most extraordinary of all reflections. It can actually penetrate the exterior and show us what we look like on the inside. When we read the Bible, it can help us beautify the part of us that God is most concerned with—our inner person. God’s Book is the mirror to our eternal soul. There are some people who spend so much time looking at their reflection, it can be said that they live in front of a mir-

### God’s Mirror

ror. They primp and preen until they feel they look just as good as they possibly can. James said we need to live or “abide” in God’s mirror. We need to linger long in the perfect law of liberty, and allow it to reveal ourselves to us for who we really are. But we must acknowledge our sins and shortcomings when it reflects them back upon us, and then make the proper corrections. James said that merely looking into God’s perfect mirror and then ignoring we see, isn’t good enough. That’s like looking in a mirror and seeing dirt on our face, and not washing it off. If we want the eternal blessings God has in store for His faithful, we must be careful to do just exactly what His mirror tells us to do.

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when we hold it up to God’s mirror. Only then can God show us how we need to live, what we need to believe, and what we must do and avoid doing, in order to please Him. Hold your life up to God’s mirror and make an honest evaluation of yourself. Are you truly living right? Are you really worshiping God in the proper ways? Are you seeking His kingdom first? If not, make the corrections before it is too late. If you will honestly and continuously expose yourself to God’s mirror, a marvelous transformation will occur. God will make you more and more like Jesus His Son (2 Cor. 3:18). That transformation begins on earth, and will carry you all the way to heaven.

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**Times of Services**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study.....9:30**  
**Sunday Morning Worship Service.....10:30**  
**Sunday Evening Worship Service.....6:30**  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....7:30**



**Things We All Can Do (Titus Chapter 2)**

One person the Apostle Paul greatly depended upon, as he labored for the Lord, was a man named Titus. Titus was a faithful Gospel preacher who traveled with Paul at critical times and helped him spread the word. He delivered a letter to the church in Corinth for Paul and carried contributions back for the needy saints in Jerusalem. Titus was always mister reliable. The two men visited the Island of Crete at some point in time, and Paul left Titus behind to help straighten out some difficulties the Christians were having there. The inhabitants of Crete had the reputation of being evil, lying, lazy sinners (Titus 1:12), and the local culture had negatively effected the church. Paul had Titus appoint elders in every local church of Christ that existed on the Island, to provide the

brethren with strong, trustworthy leadership, long after he left their shores (Titus 1:5). And while Titus was there, Paul told him to teach the brethren the pure, wholesome word of truth, to help them be the kind of people God wanted them to be. (Titus 2:1). Not everyone can be a Gospel preacher or an elder, but there are some things we all must be willing to do. God expects righteous behavior and good deeds from all of His people, whether old or young, male or female. Let's look at some things that God tells us we all must do in Titus chapter 2.

- **Older men** (2:2) – Be temperate (sober or vigilant), dignified (honorable, honest or respectable), sensible (self-restrained or discrete), sound in faith (healthy faith), in love (Christ-like love) and in perseverance (patience).

- **Older women** (2:3) – Be reverent (holy) in behavior, not malicious gossips (false accusers or slanderers), not enslaved (addicted) to wine, teach good things to and encourage the younger women.
- **Young women** (2:4-5) – Must learn to love their husbands, love their children, be sensible, pure (chaste), workers at home (good housekeepers), kind (a blessing), and be in subjection to their husbands.
- **Young men** (2:6) – Be sensible – The most difficult thing for a young man to do is exhibit self-control.
- **Servants** (2:9-10) – Be subject (obedient) to employers, well-pleasing (easy to get along with), not argumentative, and don't steal.
- **Everyone** (2:12-14) – Deny ungodliness and worldly desires (lusts), live sensibly, righteously and godly, be purified (morally pure), and zealous (eager) for good deeds.

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**BIBLE STUDIES — We are currently studying the Gospel according to John on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM, and the book of Genesis on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM. We invite everyone to come to the Prairie Village church of Christ and participate in these important lessons from God's perfect word. We have made the lesson books for these classes available on our website. On the left side of the web page, click the "Study Tools & Links" Tab. Within this page, click the lesson subject tab on the right side.**