

KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

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LOOKING IN THE MIRROR

HE WORLD HAS SPENT MILLIONS getting excited behind the phrase "Man in the Mirror," words coined by one of the most popular entertainers to ever live. Yet, most people have never had a deeper look at themselves in the mirror. They have only looked at a reflection that shows them what's on the outside.

I'm not trying to belittle the song *Man in the Mirror* or the singer, but in this book, we're going to look in a mirror that shows you who you are beyond your physical appearance. The mirror I'm talking about deals with the inner workings of every person. It leads you

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to deny your self-righteousness so that you can see the *real* you. All of your accolades, all of your talents, all of your gifts, all of your abilities, and all of your connections have to be denied in this mirror. Once you see who you are, you'll never look to that "other person," who is only seen in the physical mirror, again. You'll start to see deeper. Through revelation and a rhema word from God, you'll start to see who you are in the spirit realm and that "other person" will never control you again.

In order for your true identity to start taking effect in your life, you must learn to *do* the Word and not just be mentally assented to the Word. You have to get on the inside of the Word of God and let the Word of God get on the inside of you. That's what it means to look in the mirror of the spirit realm.

HEARING, RECEIVING & APPLYING

Every time you encounter God's Word, there are three things that must be involved: hearing, receiving, and applying. When you hear the Word, receive it in such a way that it inspires you to put it to use in your life. In other words, whenever you go to church or read your Bible, it can't be as if you're doing a duty. You have to *hear* the instructions God gives you and then follow through with action. Hearing the Word alone, without action, won't change anything in your life. However, receiving and applying the Word will change everything.

James 1:22 says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (NIV). You are deceiving yourself when you don't actually do what the Word says and apply it to every area of your life. It doesn't matter how often you go to church, pray, or read the Bible — if you aren't looking in the spiritual mirror (and only the physical mirror) to see who you are and you're not *doing* what the Word says, it will never be beneficial to you.

Imagine a man sitting at a table. There's a plate full of food set before him, but he's complaining that he's hungry. If he would eat the food in front of him, he wouldn't be hungry anymore. It's the same way with you and the Word that God has set before *you*. You have to pick up the fork yourself, eat, and allow the

Word to nourish you spiritually. No one else can do the Word for you — no one can look in the spiritual mirror for you! It has to be personal.

In the book of Second Samuel, we see how looking in the spiritual mirror was put into action in order for the truth to be revealed. The Lord instructed Samuel to choose one of Jesse's sons to be king. Now, Samuel attempted to make the choice based on each son's outward appearance. In Second Samuel 16:7, the Lord said:

[7] Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

2 Samuel 16:7

God had to correct Samuel because he was looking in the natural and only saw the outward appearances of Jesse's sons. The principle to learn here is that whenever you need to see a true reflection, look in the spiritual mirror, not the outward appearance that the natural mirror shows you. You see, the natural mirror can only show you the adjustments you need to make on the outside, like fixing your hair and

cleaning your face. It's not able to show you how to make adjustments in the spirit realm. The supernatural mirror is where you'll hear God's instructions; the natural mirror will never take you there.

Let's say you're under some type of attack and you've tried everything *in the natural* to overcome it, but nothing has worked. It can be an attack on your body, your finances, or even your family. Regardless of the type of attack, the supernatural mirror will show you the attacker and show you how to deal with it. Even further, it'll reveal that the first way to deal with the attacker is to deal with yourself. Every time you open your Bible, you're looking in the supernatural mirror — and if you stay there long enough, it'll not only show you who you are but also show you what to do.

As I mentioned at the beginning, it's through hearing, receiving, and applying the Word that you're able to look in the supernatural mirror and get results. It's a process that should never stop.

The truth is that there is nothing impossible for a Christian. Once you can hear it, receive, and do it—the Word has no impossibilities for you! There's nothing bad you can't stop, and there's nothing good you

can't start.

Look back at James 1:22 and this time continue to verses 23 and 24.

[22] But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. [23] For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: [24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

James 1:22-24

James is saying that when you hear the Word and don't act on it, it's like looking in a mirror and immediately forgetting what you look like as soon as you look away. I'm sure, in the natural, this sounds absurd. You normally check out your outer appearance and clearly remember what you look like. But here, James is referring to the children of God who forget who they are when the trials of life come against them — those who allow life situations and their feelings to make them forget who God says they are.

Who does God say you are? If you can't answer that right now, I'll tell you. God says you are a triumphant winner in every situation, despite what you may be going through. The Blood of Jesus purchased that for you.

To live in the truth of your supernatural reflection, you have to keep hearing, receiving, and applying the Word. Even if your body wants to declare you a loser, you must know that your body doesn't have the last word. If your bank account wants to declare you a loser, it doesn't have the last word either!

Anything negative trying to enforce its rights or its identity on your life, it doesn't have the power to do that. Look in the supernatural mirror. Listen and see what's in the mirror for you and forget everything else. If you're wondering: What can readjust this sickness and disease in my life? What can readjust this lack and this trouble in my life? The prescription you need is found in the supernatural mirror of the Word of God.

THE WAY, THE TRUTH,
THE LIFE & THE ACCESS

In John 14:6, Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but

by me." In John 8:32, He says, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The supernatural mirror makes you free. It brings you to Jesus — who is the way, the truth and the life — and it makes you free indeed. Go back and note these four things mentioned in John 14:6: the way, the truth, the life, and the access you have to the Father. This verse is not about dying and going to heaven. It's about the power of the Word and how it can't be stopped by any force. The only reason the Word can be stopped in your life is if you are not seeing the way, the truth, and the life, and if you are not placing everything into the Father's hands.

If you're dealing with something, there's *a way* for you to win. However, this is where most people mess up. Proverbs 14:12 says, "There's a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is death." That's the way Satan wants you to take. He wants you to take a worldly suggestion and work things out psychologically, when really it can only be worked out spiritually.

You see, when Jesus says, I am the way, He's saying: Trust me. Do what I tell you to do. Do it until it manifests. Don't put me on your calendar. Don't put me on a clock. I am not a January God or a March

God. I am God every day. When it seems like I'm delaying something for you, there's something else I'm getting out of the way before letting you go there. When you only see one snake, I see nine of them. Let me handle this thing for you. I know what I'm doing. Without faith, it is impossible to please me. Why? Because I'm not going to work according to your calendar, your feelings or what you see with your physical eyes. I'm working in another dimension. You're going to have to have faith. When you ask me to do something, I'm doing it for you right at that moment, but I have to do it my way. My way is the safe way.

When Jesus says, I am the way, believe Him. He is, in fact, the only way you need. In John 14:6, He continues by saying, I am the truth. When you read it, hear Him saying, I didn't lie to you. When you're believing for something in my Word, I'm going to bring it to pass. Don't get upset with me. I'm doing it for you all the time. I'm doing more than you need. I'm doing more than you've asked me for. I'm God. When you ask me for something, I do all that's associated with it.

He goes on to say, *I am the life*, He's referring to the divine life and the substance that the Word gives you through Him. At the end of John 14:6, Jesus says,

No man cometh to the Father, but by me. He's talking about access here. The Word is your access to the Father. It will lead you to Him every time.

When my children were young, they knew to come sit on my knee when things went wrong. They knew I was going to make it better. They didn't have to worry anymore because they were with their father. It's the same way when things go wrong in your life. The Word of God brings you to your heavenly Father.

When you're worried about what you're going through, you will find out there is nothing your Father won't do to help you. In John 14:6, you'll find out there's an open route to your Father, at all times. This supernatural mirror will always accomplish its mission.

Despite what's going on around you, always keep these four things in mind — the way, the truth, the life, and the access you have to the Father. Understanding this will make the Word of God more real to you. Every time you read scriptures, make sure you see the reflection of the way, the truth, the life, and the access.

WHERE'S YOUR FAITH?

Let's be clear here: the natural mirror doesn't do anything for you. You have to do it all for yourself. On the other hand, the supernatural mirror does not leave you to do it all on your own. It gives you divine assistance. God will always step in on your behalf. Read Isaiah 55:11.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

The Word will do for you what it says it will do. God is saying, I will not go back on my Word. I cannot turn my back on what I told you I'd do for you. If there's any back turning, it's going to be on your part. If you stick with the Word, God will make it happen for you. Actually, because your participation is required, it's really you and God making it happen together. You participate by having enough faith to look in the mirror in the first place.

Now, where's your faith? Are there weights hold-

ing your faith back? If you want to move forward with receiving and applying what you see in the spiritual mirror, it is vital for you to remove these five weights in particular: when, how, where, who, and what. These five weights of worry and doubt will continuously hold you back if you don't drop them. All you need to know and focus on is the fact that God can make it happen.

In the supernatural mirror, your intellectual superiority, self-confidence, and self-sufficiency will have to crumble. Intellectual superiority will get you in trouble in the spirit realm because you can never know more than God. Self-confidence and self-sufficiency will have you thinking you can do it all on your own, but you can't. The Word is beyond self-confidence. There are times where nothing that exists in the earth's realm can do you any good. You'll have to see deeper.

It's time for you to be a hearer, receiver, and doer of the Word. It's time to stop looking at your situation, but start looking at what God says in His Word. You have to be able to address everything you're dealing with, with what God says. You have to say, "Whatever God's Word says, that's what I'm going with. I'm not going with this feeling. I'm not going with what I see in the natural mirror. I am going to look in the mirror of a higher dimension. I'm going to open my Bible and see, receive, and apply what God says about it." Many times, you'll see that the supernatural mirror is calling what you see in the natural mirror a liar. You'll find out that what the natural is saying about your life situation doesn't align with the truth that's in the Word.

THE ANSWER

Stop looking in the natural mirror for the answer. You can't look into fiction, history, psychology or science and expect to see the answer. Only in God's Word will you find the answer that will make you free.

We're all made in God's image and likeness, but sometimes we forget that. When you look in the supernatural mirror, you'll be reminded: *I'm made in His image. I'm made in His likeness. As He is, so am I in this world, in this life.* When you look in this mirror, changes take place. It'll change your image back to what it's supposed to be — back to who you truly are in Christ.

The Word is not going to change the situation first. It's going to change you first. It has to solve the problem of you forgetting who you are. Once you come back to the realization of who you really are, you'll have no impossibilities in your life.

Many people approach the Word trying to deal with their problems, but the problems aren't the real issues. In Luke 10:19, it reads, "Behold I give you power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and the power of the enemy can do you no harm." Therefore, the power of the enemy can't be the problem.

When you go to the Word, make sure you're going for the purpose of seeing who you are. Go to recognize your power and what God has given to you. Return to your newness. When you sit before the Lord with the Word, you shouldn't be saying, "Lord, help me with this." You should be saying, "Lord, help me see me. Help me to see who I am in You."

When you look in the mirror properly and begin to do the Word, you become Christ. In Him, you live, you move, and you have your being (Acts 17:28). You must realize you're an offspring of the living God. You're not a regular person. When you look in the Word, you're not searching for another solution. You're just going back to the original plan — the real you. When you're reading the Word, you're not looking for an answer. You're looking for who you are, and once you find out who you are, you'll see that the answer is in you and the answer is you.

You see, once you identify with Christ, you don't have to keep looking for all of those other solutions you were trying to find. You'll have one common denominator in mind: I know who I am.

Man in the Mirror

N ORDER TO STOP BEING MESMERIZED by the world's system and start transcending the system, everyone, both male and female, must become the man in the mirror (the spiritual mirror). All substitutes for who you really are in Christ will be annihilated once you see how sweet it is to walk in real power.

Let's take another look at James 1:23: For if any be a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass.

Let's deal with this natural mirror for a minute. You cannot live a victorious Christian life solely in the natural. The natural mirror can't tell you anything about the supernatural. It doesn't matter how good you look, what hairstyle you're wearing, or how long you've been in the natural mirror primping and covering things up; it cannot tell you who you really are. You can see yourself physically and still not know who you are. You can even be working on fixing yourself up in the natural mirror and still not know who you're working on.

THE NATURAL MIRROR

What's missing in the Church at large? They're trying to walk with God naturally, but it cannot be done. God is a spirit. God is a revealer. God is all-knowing. God is sovereign. God is powerful. God is greater. God is mightier. God is stronger. God is eternal. God is supernatural.

God has supernaturally set you up, so that, no matter what this world or Satan brings your way, you have a route to win every time. That route is beyond the natural. The Holy Ghost has even made a personal route just for you. When you understand this, your backroads are going to become express lanes in life. Many times, Christians aren't getting the answers they need because they're on the backroads. They haven't accessed the express lanes in God. When you learn how to function properly in the spirit, you won't have to take the long route anymore.

Just think, if you get on a backroad and someone else gets on the interstate (and you're both going to the same destination), most likely, the person on the interstate will arrive before you get there. You'll be slowed down by stopping at every red light. This explains many Christians' situations today. They've gotten to too many red lights in life. They're stopping too much. They haven't gotten on an expressway to the glory and blessings of God.

The Church has been stagnant in the spirit by taking on the supernatural mirror as if it's a natural mirror. They've been planning when they should've been praying. You see, there's a way that seems right to a man but the end thereof is death (Proverbs 14:12). No one wants anything that seems right. Everyone wants what is right. The natural mirror will fool you into thinking that everything is alright, when really there's something powerful the Holy Ghost needs to tell or show you.

Let's look at First Corinthians 2:9. This text is going to open up the natural mirror for you.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

What has God prepared for us? Romans 8:28 tells us:

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

How would you know that all things work together for good? You'd know because you wouldn't be looking at it naturally. As long as you're looking in the mirror naturally, you'll never realize that all things are working together for your good. You'll be seeing something else.

Many of you reading this right now have never

known who you really are. You've been in church; you've been baptized in water; you've been taking communion; but you've never known your true identity. If you haven't learned to yield to the Holy Spirit or learned to apply and attend to the Word, you can go to church all of your life and still not know who you are. You can die and not know who you are. You can live your entire life and not know the power or the strength you have within you.

Go back to First Corinthians 2:9, but this time, continue to verse 10.

[9] But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [10] But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Your *natural* eyes haven't seen and your *natural* ears haven't heard the things which God has prepared — but as we can see in the tenth verse, that changes when you look into the spirit realm. This is where maturity comes in. When you know how to look in the spiritual mirror, which is the Word of God, and get the right instructions, you have matured. It can now minister to you. It can give you direction. It can give you insight, illumination, and inspiration. It can give you an invitation and a visitation. It can give you manifestation. It can give you a demonstration of something you've never seen before. The Church is so powerful! She just doesn't know it.

You've been looking in the world's mirror long enough. Most people have been looking in the religious mirror and the barely-getting-by mirror too long as well.

Your true identity is in another mirror, in another realm. It's time for promotion in the hearts of the people of God, so they may know who they are, what they have, and what they can do.

You're about to see your royal self. You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a peculiar people. You are special, indeed. Once you see yourself in this supernatural mirror, you're going to know just how unique you are.

THE SUPERNATURAL MIRROR

Now, let's go further, and take a look at James 1:24-25. There's a switch happening between these two verses. We are about to leave the natural mirror to look in the supernatural mirror.

[24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. [25] But whoso looketh into and continue therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:24-25

There are millions of spiritual miles between verses 24 and 25 — miles of understanding, wisdom, and knowledge. (Go back and read them if you need to.) When you come out of the 24th verse, you're going to be in a completely new world in the 25th verse. You're going to be looking in a totally new mirror. You're going to see more, have more, and be able to do more.

You see, a carnal-minded Christian can't go into the 25th verse. A carnal-minded Christian can't even comprehend that the mirror has changed. Because of a lack of understanding, the Church has been reading the Bible as if the same thing is happening in both verses. No! Something happens in the 25th verse that blows the 24th verse out of the water. It changes realms. It goes from the natural realm to the supernatural realm, and from the flesh to the spirit.

In the new mirror of verse 25, you see your spiritual, supernatural rights that can't be stopped, and when you're operating in those rights, you're more powerful than anything that comes against you. You've got power on the inside of you. You may look regular in the natural, but you're not regular at all. You have supernatural contact, connection, and covenant.

In the new mirror, you'll walk into a brand new understanding that raptures you out of any circumstance in the natural. You don't have to wait until Jesus comes to have a rapture. When you get a revelation, you can rapture right where you are. When we go to verse 25, there should be a rapture. You should be caught up. You should be pulled out of any circumstance that doesn't agree with your true identity in Christ.

It may look as if you're tied down, but when you know how to shift realms, you can turn into another man or woman. It's like you're Clark Kent going into the telephone booth. You'll go in like a man but come out like a god. In verse 24, you're in the telephone booth, but in verse 25, you're putting your new garment on.

As you mature your understanding in this and learn to change realms, the Lord will wrap your life with favor like a flavor. It's supernatural! You're not just going to another verse; you're going to another universe. You're going to a new system. In verse 24, it says, "For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

That's easily done. That's where the mentality of adulterers and homosexuals come from. They've either never known who they really were or (as the scripture says) they've gone their way and straightway forgotten. They've looked in the natural mirror, but they've never gone deeper or seen what was in the supernatural mirror for them. They've accepted what their natural mind and this world have said they were. Do you see what I'm saying here? Temptation can come and tell you, "You're going with me. You

don't have a choice. You don't have any power. You're just in the natural." But that's not true.

In the 24th verse, the devil is able to take you out because you really don't know who you are. You've forgotten, so you take what he tells you that you are. That's why so many people are mixed up. How can a man look in the mirror and see himself as a woman? How can a woman look in the mirror and see herself as a man? She's looking in the natural mirror and being influenced by the enemy. When you switch worlds, Satan can't influence you anymore. You go to the supernatural mirror of the Word of God and look on the inside, and you let the Holy Ghost tell you who you are.

Here's a question for you: what is the devil saying you can't have? Is he telling you that you won't be healed or that you'll be on medicine for the rest of your life? Is there a legal case he's saying you're going to lose? Is he saying your marriage will never change or your money will never increase?

He's lying! Stop looking in *his* mirror. The devil is orchestrating things in the natural mirror for you to see. Even your feelings are in the natural mirror speaking to you. You can't look in that and believe you're see-

ing the truth about who you really are.

Let's look into this other world. The first word in verse 25 is "but." That means you have to get your "but" out of the way. (You'll remember that, won't you?)

[25] But whoso looketh into...

Now, it doesn't say, "Whoso looketh at." Many times, we are looking at the scripture. But, it says, "Whoso looketh into." You have to look *into* the scripture. Also, see that *whoso* is an all-inclusive opportunity. I'm a *whoso*. You're a *whoso*. He's talking to both you and me.

...whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty...

It's not just the law of liberty but the *perfect* law of liberty. Do you know why it's perfect? It's perfect because there is no liberty that it cannot bring you into. Once you know that, the next clause will be yours. Once you find out how good it is, how kind the Lord is, and how the Lord will watch over you and keep you, you will not want to go back to verse 24. I think you'll want to continue on the interstate. You'll never want to go back to the backroads and back to just seeing

what's in the natural mirror.

Let's keep digging into verse 25:

...and continue therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

What does he mean by "blessed in his deed?" He means that everything you do will turn into a blessing. This is so powerful that it can even turn curses into blessings! It doesn't matter what you're going through — just look in the Word. Look in the supernatural mirror.

Stop feeling sorry for yourself. Stop feeling sorry for what you've missed out on, and get in on what you have now. Forget about yesterday. Forget about what you've been through. God is going to do something for you that is fresh. You don't need a past blessing. God is going to bless you so much that you won't have room for more. Forget your past. Forget how you messed up. Forget how you made a mistake. Forget how you married the wrong person. Forget it! Look in the supernatural mirror and believe God for a fresh blessing, right where you are now.

You don't have anything to worry about. When you look in this mirror, every answer, every power, every favor, every insight, every anointing, every connection, and every breakthrough is yours. There's no reason to feel sorry for yourself. Get ahold of who you really are, and the last wrong thing that happened to you will turn into a promotion. You'll begin maturing in the things of God, getting stronger, and becoming more than a Bible carrier. The Bible is going to start carrying you.

In First Corinthians 2:14, you'll see the type of man that can't see the 25th verse of James 1 as they should. It states:

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1 Corinthians 2:14

The word discerned means opened, seen, or understood. When you're a Christian and don't know how to walk in the spirit, you are like a con man with no spiritual discernment. You try to con your way out of things and trick the devil into thinking you know what you're talking about when you really have no idea. You quote the Bible in carnality, and the devil says, "Oh, you're trying to con me!"

There are many Christians trying to use scriptures to con the devil, but he's not falling for that. He knows the scriptures, and he's saying, They don't know what they're quoting. I got 'em! They have thirteen scriptures and still don't know any of them. They think they're going to bluff me with this Bible and the Word, and it's not even in them. They're quoting these scriptures, but they never got on the inside of them. They're looking at the English and the punctuations, but they never got the revelation. I'm going to smack them upside their heads again. They don't know that I'm going to make God look bad through them.

The days of the devil saying that about you are over! You are coming out of this thing. You will have spiritual discernment, and you'll know how to handle both the natural and the supernatural mirror.

Let's read back over James 1:23-25.

[23] For if any be a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. [24] For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. [25] But

whoso looketh into and continue therein, he being not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:23-25

Now can you see how there are no miles, feet, or inches that can measure the distance between verses 24 and 25? There are no worldly measurements. It's supernaturally separated, so it has infinite distance. Think about that for a moment. It's *that* far apart, so it can carry you *that* far away from regular living. You'll look back over your life, and you won't even know yourself. That "other person" you saw in the natural mirror will be too far for you to see anymore. The part of you that was failing and saying, "I'm not going to make it," will be too far back there for you to even see! You'll be looking in the divine mirror, seeing the real you in another dimension.

MATURING IN THE MIRROR

HE WORD OF GOD IS LIKE A MIRROR with a movie film attached to it. When you look in it correctly, it shows you snapshots or previews of the life God wants you to live and operate in. There are two major scenes that play when you're looking in this supernatural mirror: the Word of God and the Spirit of God. When they both become one in your life, you will begin to operate in divine power and ability, and an amazing explosion will take place in your life that you won't be able to fully explain.

However, you can't enter into this explosion of victory, so to speak, until you have actively matured.

Maturing in the Word of God comes through five stages. The first stage is to give no place to the accuser, which is the enemy. He's only out to abuse you, so it's important to prevent him from having access in your life. The second stage is to set an atmosphere of praise, worship, and faith wherever you are. Whether you're in your car, in your office, or even in the restroom, set a reverential atmosphere that's filled with praise, worship, and faith. Atmosphere is very important. Your environment can't change your atmosphere, but your atmosphere can change your environment.

The third stage is to maintain a fresh anointing by always yielding to the Holy Spirit. The fourth stage is to take authority, by force, of everything that's not glorifying God in your life. In Matthew 11:12, it says, "— the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." Luke 11:21 says, "A strong man armed keepeth his place." In other words, take what's yours under the unction of the Holy Ghost, guard it, and keep it safe.

The fifth stage is to know that you are an agent of change. This means the spirit within you, expanding and enlarging, will cause miracles, signs, and wonders to function on your behalf. The Word says you are the yeast of the spirit and the salt of the earth; you give life its taste. Wherever you are, darkness cannot exist because you are the light, and just a spark of light can change any circumstance. That's why, in Matthew 5:5, Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." That's an agent of change. As you walk in meekness, you are an inheritance of the earth everywhere you go.

In Matthew 5:8, He says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." This means that when people see you, they will be able to see God, because they'll see Him in you. You are carrying a seed on the inside of you that, once planted, will supernaturally sprout. In other words, when you say words out of your mouth, a supernatural episode begins to take place, causing one amazing thing to come after another. And the greatest part is, you don't have to be in church to activate it; you are the Church!

Do you know that when you begin to operate in maturity and function in the spirit properly, you will begin to carry a supernatural authority within yourself? As Christians, it's time to grow up and mature. It's time to stop going through routine accolades. If you

take these five stages of maturity and attend to them in your personal life, it will cause you to step out beyond your routine prayer and scripture life. Once you realize a change has come into your life, you will begin to experience the birth of growth. This is the type of growth that happens after the new birth.

God is aiming to continuously increase you with His fresh fire, but in order for Him to do that, you have to let more of Him into your life. As you mature in the spirit, everything in your life must be activated by faith, and every move you make must be led by the Spirit of God. As a Christian, you must place your soul under authority so that your spirit can walk by faith.

CONNECTING YOUR SPIRIT. Soul & Senses

To walk in full maturity, your spirit, soul, and senses have to be connected. This connection gives your spirit full access to control both your soul and your senses. The greatest combination that you can have in your life is the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. You should always check with the Word and the Holy Spirit before you make a decision or give an answer based on your soul and senses. Don't accept a substituted, churchy, traditional life over a life in the spirit.

James 1:19-21 gives us some things to mature in.

[19] Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. [20] For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. [21] Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:19-21

Now, you can't do what's mentioned in those verses on your own. Those verses take maturity. The supernatural mirror can train you to do that.

Many Christians live a soulish life, or a life without the input of the Spirit. Oftentimes, they live by their feelings. If they don't feel it, they don't believe it, and in that case, they'll never have it. As a Christian, you

have to get beyond this. You are authorized to live in the realm of the impossible, but you must first give your spirit charge over your soul and senses. You may be wondering, "How do I give my spirit charge over my soul and senses?" Well, let's look back at James 1:25.

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:25

This verse is giving you direction to mature by being a doer of Word and to live a life that's victorious in every area. When people look in your life, they're supposed to ask, "What are you doing to have this much success?" They're supposed to ask, "How did you get to where you are? Who did that for you?" Every time, you should be able to testify that Jesus did it all.

Continue reading into James 1:25: "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty." I discussed the perfect law of liberty in chapter 2, but here's another take on it. Glance back at John 8:32: "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

The "perfect law of liberty" is just that — the truth. The longer you look in it, the more likely you are to find the truth. If you're wondering why you're not free in a particular area of your life, it's because you haven't looked in the perfect law of liberty, or the supernatural mirror, long enough.

Although there is freedom in the perfect law of liberty, many Christians are still in bondage. They don't know how to consistently peel the Word back. They're continuously eating the hull rather than eating the meat. The Father, through revelation of the Holy Spirit, wants you to see that you have already been liberated from what's trying to make a mockery of your life. If there's anything holding you down or holding you back from where God has destined for you to be, you need to go spend time looking in the perfect law of liberty — go spend time meditating on the truth in the Word. You must know that your answer is not going to come from a sensory realm or a soulish realm. Your answer is going to come from the spirit realm, and it's going to take faith to both receive it and act on it.

Looking back at James 1:25, the phrase "continu-

eth therein" means that no matter what's happening around you, you must keep your eyes on the Word of God. You must never let the Word out of your sight. Regardless of what's going on in your life, continue looking in the perfect law of liberty, and it will bring you out of that bonding situation. It will make you free in every area of your life and begin to fill you with an overflow of blessings. I have experienced this over and over again. There are so many blessings flowing in my life. I've realized that those blessings are really God keeping His Word.

Now, let's take this to another level. Look at Second Timothy 2:15 and Hebrews 4:12.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Notice that Second Timothy 2:15 says, "study to show thyself approved", and Hebrews 4:12 says, "the dividing asunder of soul and spirit." These two scriptures, in connection, mean that when you study and show yourself approved unto God, as a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, and rightly divide the Word of Truth in your life, you can't lose! In addition, when you let this Word of Truth operate in you properly, it will divide your spirit from your soul. You will know the difference between the two and know how to keep your soul submitted to your spirit. Your soul will no longer be able to be in charge.

Hebrews 4:12 also says the Word is a "discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This means that the Word will show you the people who are for you and the ones who are against you. You'll see that God is greater than anyone or anything against you. When you begin to mature in this area of your life and trust in God by faith, the Word becomes the "sword of the spirit" (Ephesians 6:17), going forth and not returning to you void.

When you mature spiritually, you step into another

stage of your life; you become God's mouthpiece.

So shall your word be as it goes forth out of my mouth it shall not return unto me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

You are God's mouth in the earth realm. You must realize that you are created in His image and His likeness so that you can operate and function as He does. You possess the same ability to kill giants and open red seas. You have the same authority, ability, and awareness to think like God and operate with the mind of Christ. You are a carrier of the glory of God (John 17:22).

You may ask, "What does it mean to be a carrier of the glory of God?" It means that you possess all that God is, all that He has, and all that He can do. All of that is within you. Therefore, don't listen to the enemy's stories. You are a glory carrier! Whatever doesn't exist in your life, you can create. You have the power to call things that be not as though they were (Romans 4:17).

Let's go back to our main scripture, James 1:25, but this time we'll read it from the New American Standard Bible (NASB).

But the one who looks intently into 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.

James 1:25 (NASB)

Connect this with Second Corinthians 3:18 (KJV):

But we all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV)

Second Corinthians 3:18 is talking about life in the spirit, and James 1:25 is talking about life in the Word. The two verses are complementary — one deals with the Word and the other deals with the spirit. They're not separate; however, we are dealing with each verse from different angles. You become powerful when you connect life in the spirit with life in the Word. It's then that you are placed in a position where you can't be held down or back from what's rightfully yours. You have to come to the realization that your heavenly kingdom is stronger than anything that exists on earth.

When you begin to intently look in the supernatural mirror of the Word of God, you begin to activate God and His glory. This means that wherever you go, you activate Christ. Stop letting this world's system and the accuser activate you. You are a blessing going somewhere to happen, and you are activating God wherever you go. Never let anything else activate you or aggravate you.

Understand that people aren't going to see God just because you quote the Bible. They are going to see God when you start activating the Bible. As God begins to do the impossible in your life and you start to operate in power and glory, people will be running to get saved and follow Christ.

> THE WORD, THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE GLORY

When you look in mirror of the Word of God properly, there are three things you want to be aware of: the Word itself, the Holy Spirit, and the glory. Together, they make up the presence of God, which is all that He is, all that He has, and all that He can do.

The Word and the Holy Spirit are always in harmony. You need both to function. The Spirit was placed in the Word, and God went a step further and placed His glory — which is His person, His presence, His power, His provision, and His protection — in the Word as well.

Begin to step out of the realm possessed by your senses and soul, and step into the realm of the spirit, which is supernaturally connected to God by *your* spirit. This way, you can see what God wants you to see. You'll begin to operate as it's described in Hebrews 11:1. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."

When you step into the realm of the spirit, you'll stop looking in the realm of your senses and soul. You'll commune with God out of your spirit, and you'll realize that everything that is not conducive to your good success is temporary. In other words, you won't look at your dilemma; you'll look at your deliverance.

You won't move in fear or doubt. You'll know how to praise the Lord right in the middle of a mess.

The Father designed it to be this way for you. Jehovah Jireh is your provider, and He wants you to have the best in everything. When you're mature in the spirit, fearful of nothing, and in full agreement with the Holy Spirit, you're living the life God designed for you to live.

From this point forward, allow the Spirit to lead you through the unction and the anointing, and never pray while you're blind. See your answer every time you pray. I have never prayed a prayer that was not answered. In fact, I've never asked for anything that God didn't give me. You know why? It's an established fact in my spirit that what I'm praying about is already mine. It should be the same for you.

Every promise that God said about you in the Word, already belongs to you. At times, you may not understand how He's doing it or how He'll do it but be on the cutting edge of your faith at all times. Trust God.

[5] Trust in the Lord with all your heart; lean not to your own understanding; [6] In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

The answers you have been asking for, you already have them. You didn't recognize the answers when they came because they didn't come through the natural. It came through the spirit. God has already created a route to your answer, and you must always take His route to have it. Whatever it is that you are believing God for — be it your health, finances, or family — follow *His* route to your victory.

All of the promises of God are answered with *yea* and *amen*, and when you operate in faith and grace, it will bespeak the cross and everything Christ purchased through His blood. You have to go to the Word and let God show you His promises for your life. Only then can you live in the dispensation of grace and operate in it through faith. This will cause manifestations to sprout in your life.

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus says, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." When He talks about righteousness here, He's saying that you have a right to everything He promised to you, from Genesis to Revelation.

Since I came into the understanding of the Word of Faith, I've never had to ask for material things; they just came to me. I'm always focusing on what God is telling me to do, and in turn, those material things just keep showing up and catching me off guard. My concentration on Him produces consecration. My eyes are continuously on Him. I promise you, if you focus on Him, His rewards will be greater than you can imagine.

Remember everything on this earth is temporary, so don't drown yourself in stuff. Instead, drown yourself in God, and give Him the glory. Your answers, manifestations, and demonstrations lie in doing what God tells you to do. This is very easy and simple.

Forty-three years ago, one Sunday morning, I fell in love with Jesus. I wanted to know Him, so I went after Him and the Word. I read thousands of books, and if someone even mentioned His name around me, I got quiet because I wanted to know more about Him. I'm still the same today. I remain a student of the Word, and I remain teachable and reachable. I stay away from ignorance and arrogance. You see, you have to permit the Holy Spirit to annihilate your personal agenda. If you want an experience with God, you must live a God-agenda life.

There are three scriptures I want you to read before we move into the next chapter of this book. Matthew 6:33, John 15:7, and Psalm 37:4.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Matthew 6:33

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4

These three scriptures can settle every case in your life. If you don't have them planted in your life fully and you haven't meditated on them every day, that's your dilemma. God keeps telling you to delight yourself in Him and He'll give you the desires of your heart. I did it, and I got the desires of *my* heart! I do what God tells me to do, and I constantly seek Him first. I can tell you, time and time again, how God has done supernatural things for my family because of

Matthew 6:33, John 15:7, and Psalm 37:4.

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will surely give you the desires of your heart. It's a fact. The Word of God is real, and it will manifest once you mature in the spirit and let it.

MIRROR-MEDITATING MATURITY

NE OF THE GREATEST MATURING factors in your life is meditating in the mirror of God's Word. As a Christian, you'll never be fully satisfied with your life in Christ until you mature in this area. Spiritual maturity allows you to have peace during troubling times and power during your weakest moments, because you've learned to depend on a power higher than your own.

To mature, it takes more than having a look in the mirror. You're going to have to meditate in the mirror. You're going to have to stay in the mirror until you stop forgetting who you are when you walk away from it.

Mirror-meditating maturity will make you healthier, happier, holier, and highly favored. Meditation and maturity causes you to continually have manifestations, miracles, and the mindset of God.

GOOD SUCCESS

Every mature Christian should have good success in their life. Good success means you are covered on the outside and on the inside. As a man in the mirror, this is the kind of success you are designed for! The Lord combined two meditating scriptures, Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 1:1-3, which we'll look at shortly. When reading both passages, you'll see that good success is also described as "making thy way prosperous" and as "whatsoever you do shall prosper."

Not many Christians live in this type of "whatsoever-youdo-shall-prosper" success. Why? Because they're too busy complaining and too busy rehearsing the curse instead of reversing the curse. People who look in the supernatural mirror reverse curses. This is why you must connect to Joshua 1:8.

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8

You have a part to play in having good success. Through meditation in the mirror, you make your way prosperous. God has already done His part for you. It's time for you to activate and access it. Believe that it's yours. Take dominion and dominate.

Let's look at how Joshua 1:8 lines up with Psalm 1:1-3.

[1] Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. [2] But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. [3] And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and

whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalm 1:1-3

Again, we see how your meditation in the mirror, day and night, makes you prosperous and gives you good success. It's proven again in Proverbs 4.

[20] My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. [22] For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:20-22

Keep going to the mirror to see yourself, and every time you walk away, continue hearing what God says about it. In John 15:7, you can view all of your victories in one snapshot of this mirror. It says, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This verse is an example of someone who has matured in the spirit from looking in the mirror continuously. To abide is to continue in something. It means it doesn't fade.

I cannot overemphasize this particular point we covered

in James 1:25: "continueth therein."

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:25

If you continue in God's Word, you are His disciple indeed. I'm talking about continually being a doer of His Word, not just on Sundays or for religious accolades. I'm talking about every day. His Word has to be just as real to you tomorrow at 9 o'clock in the morning, as He is to you while you're reading this book right now. God's with you on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. He is with you always. Therefore, continue in His Word at all times.

THE CHIEF APOSTLE IN YOU

Another maturing factor you have to come to grips

with is knowing that you are never alone and can never lose. Never forget who you are and whose you are. You have an apostolic anointing because there's an apostle living on the inside of you — the Chief Apostle, Jesus. This apostolic anointing living on the inside of you causes you to go places you've never been before, do things you've never done before, and break powers you've never broken before.

Satan didn't want you to know about this anointing, but today, you can break free. You can now declare, "I have an apostolic grace on the inside of me! I'm a living pioneer. I lay foundations that no other man can lay. I know how to lay a foundation for my family and business." We're looking into a mirror that will not only change you but also handle anything that comes up. The word "impossible" will never appear in this mirror.

Do you feel yourself maturing, yet? Are you learning to identify with the man in the last part of James 1:25? "A doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." This man is the man in the mirror! This man is you. You can't be blessed in your deed without being in the mirror. You can't be this man with a religious or racist spirit. You can't be this man with a regular or routine-ritual spirit. You can only be revelation. Mature Christians live by revelation. No one wants to sit around here immature. You must grow! Say this aloud: I'm coming to maturity.

VEIL OR VIEW

When you look in the mirror, you're either going to see a veil or a view. If it's a veil, you won't be able to see anything at all, and that's not right. You were designed to see a clear view of who you really are when you look in the mirror. One of the problems is that religion has had a veil over the mirror for years. Racism has had a veil over the mirror, too. Anything that has had you jammed up or bound has been holding a veil over the mirror and over your solution. However, now, you can have the answer, power, wisdom, understanding, and grace you need to overcome any situation or circumstance. Right now, imagine looking in that mirror without a veil. You'll get a clear view of God, His love, and how great He is. Take a look at 2 Corinthians 3:15-18.

[15] But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. [16]

Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the

veil shall be taken away. [17] Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. [18] But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (mirror) the glory (the presence, the essence, the character) of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 3:15-18

The enemy, because of improper teaching in the church, has come back and put a veil over the supernatural mirror. People are serving and loving God, but they're struggling to get their answers. The enemy puts up this veil so that when people have problems, they'll pray and ask God for answers in worry and doubt. They'll end up talking to God as if nothing is happening, or has happened, on their behalf.

That's not right. That's not what you were designed to have. As a Christian, you should know and not be in worry or doubt. Faith should always end up in knowing.

The enemy would like nothing more than to keep a veil over the mirror. He knows that as long as he can deceive Christians, they won't go to the Father as they should. The good news is that the blood of Jesus takes the veil off! When Jesus died, the curtain, or veil, was torn in two.

In Second Corinthians 3, let's move up to verse 13.

[13] And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: [14] But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. [15] But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. [16] Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:13-16

In other words, what couldn't be seen in the spirit before can now be seen. You don't need a man to tell you about it — you can see it for yourself. You don't have to be in a church building; you can be in your house.

Every Christian can see their way. Jesus said, "I'm the way, the truth, and the life —" (John 14:6). You have to know you can see the way for yourself now and that God will talk to you, hold your hand, and lead you. You can get your answer for yourself. You can see what you need to see to cause the supernatural to manifest. Say this aloud: I see my answer!

Every problem you have that you can't solve, there's a veil over it. At this moment, we're pulling the veil off and letting you get a view of who you really are in Christ and who Christ is in you. You're not just a church member; you're the Church. You are a citizen of the Kingdom. You are an ambassador for Christ. This world is not your home; you are here to represent someone else. The more you realize this, the more you'll mature.

Remember, the veil is a physical sight blocker, but when it's removed, revelation can be seen. You can see beyond the natural. Jesus removed the veil to give you a view of how good the Father really is. God wants you to have the best and live as long as you want.

As you look in this mirror and begin to receive revelation. it will take care of your past, your future, and your present moments. For all of the trials and tests you've experienced, you will begin to receive double the blessings. For all of your past assaults, you will receive double the assets. Let Him do it! God is talking to you and telling you He's about to bring you to another level. Things you thought you couldn't have, you're about to have them now.

All that God can do and all that God wants you to have is in this supernatural mirror. Your faith will see what your natural eyes can't see. Take a look at First Corinthians 2:9-10.

[9] But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. [10] But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

This is a lesson you must learn. Never try to look in the mirror by yourself. You must always invite the Holy Spirit to help you see what you need to see. The things you see with your natural eyes are temporary and subject to change. We're not talking about that. We're talking about going beyond what you see in the natural. The Holy Spirit is the only one who can show you how to see in that way.

In Hebrews 11:1, it says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." This means, you don't need to see it or feel it in the natural. You only need to believe it. As a matured Christian, you're going to be able to fight for yourself and finish anything the enemy starts. You'll know how to walk in the gospel remembering that the veil is gone. In other words, you'll know what you need to know, do what you need to do, and have what you need to have.

As a man or woman in the mirror, you can see in three worlds — heaven, hell, and earth. You'll know what demons are trying to do, what the angels are doing, and what man is doing here on earth. You decide what's going to happen today and tomorrow.

You're in charge of three worlds, and you've been thinking you're just a Christian! No, you're much more than that. You're in charge. The Church, the believers, the citizens of the Kingdom of God, the men and women of God who are filled with the Spirit — they are in charge.

Here are two good questions to answer that will cause you to mature: Who's in charge of your life? What's in charge of your life?

If you haven't been walking in your authority, anointing, and dominion, start now. First, use it on yourself, because you might be the problem in your life. Stop giving God your leftover time. Start saturating and soaking in God's Word, in the supernatural mirror, every day of your life. It's so powerful and so exciting.

Nobody can change what God has already done for you. Stand your ground, holding on to the glory of the Lord. If someone tells you that you're not going to make it or they say you're going to have the same routine life you've been having for the last 16 years, tell them, "No, tomorrow is going to be fresh!" Revelation removes routine and regular living.

If you are truly looking in the supernatural mirror, what can deter you? Stop letting the world give you a snapshot of who you are. Stop letting problems, situations, politicians, science, psychology, and humanism tell you who you are. You are designed to look in the mirror and see exactly who you *really* are.

THE KINGDOM MIRROR

IVING A LIFE WITH KINGDOM RIGHTS is not supposed to happen once you get to heaven. Living from the Kingdom is a life you live while you're still here on earth. Jesus operated from His Kingdom rights while He was still living on this earth. That's why He didn't come across any situation that He couldn't handle. The same will go for you as you look in the supernatural mirror and realize it's a Kingdom mirror.

The Kingdom of God operates through the Word of God, so if you're not looking in the Word, you'll never know how to operate in your Kingdom rights. You'll end up being an ordinary person, all while God has designed you to be ex-

traordinary.

In Matthew 6:33, the Lord instructs us to *seek the Kingdom of God first*, and as we know, seeking the Kingdom of God means looking in the supernatural mirror. Therefore, the Lord is in this mirror with instructions for you.

In order to function from the Kingdom on earth, you must see your instructions and rights in the mirror and walk by faith and not by your feelings. It's important to mature in knowing that when you walk in the will of God nothing can really stop you.

In the fifth, sixth, and seventh chapters of the book of Matthew, Jesus teaches us the ins and outs of living in the Kingdom and what it means to receive and apply what we see in the mirror. For instance, in Matthew 5:5, Jesus says, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." There's a meekness and a lack of pride you must have in order to receive from this Kingdom mirror. There's a surrendering and a yielding that has to first take place in your life. You have to get beyond religion and routine, and you have to pay attention to what God speaks to you out of His word. Ask the Lord what He's saying to you. Ask Him what correction and direction He's giving you, and

then yield.

ARE YOU DECEIVED?

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

James 1:22

I have a question for you. How can you do something if you don't know how to do it? Before you can do the Word, the Word has to do you. It has to first be made alive in you and in your understanding. For instance, a lot of people receive salvation, but they never do salvation. Why? Because they don't seek and meditate in the mirror long enough to find out how or what to do to live a saved life in total victory.

In the supernatural mirror is where God is giving out His instructions. His intentions are for you to grow in the spirit and learn how to walk and live in the spirit while you're here on earth. You've got to get so far in the Word that you deny yourself, and the only way to accomplish this is by allowing the Word of God to separate you. Take a look at Second Timothy 2:15.

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Truth means free, right? We covered that in chapter four with John 8:32. (And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.) This means, in order to be separated by the Word, you must rightly divide the Word of truth. There has to be a clear understanding and realization of the Word for you to divide it properly in your life. If you don't rightly divide it, your soul (which is your mind, intellect, imagination, and emotions) will be in jeopardy of not being able to walk in agreement with your spirit. As a result, it'll prevent your spirit from being able to control and lead your body.

Going to another dimension, the Word becomes the sword of the Spirit for your life. It's more than reading and memorizing when you start using the Word as the sword of the Spirit. See it in Hebrews 4:12.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and

sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit.

Hebrews 4:12

In other words, when you rightly divide the Word, the Word can rightly divide you.

Now that you understand how to do the Word by allowing it to separate you as you rightly divide it, we can go back to James 1:22. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

If you're downhearted, feel as if you're dealing with an impossible situation or feel defeated in any area of your life, somewhere along the line you have been deceived. If you've lost your joy because you're going through something, you've been deceived! It doesn't matter what it is that you're dealing with. The purpose of this book is to help you realize that when you learn to look and meditate in the supernatural mirror, it's impossible for you to be defeated.

If you're trying to handle anything without the Word, you're deceived. There's no other way to put it. If you're trying to handle your problems with education, science, psychology, or money, you're deceived, and you must change the mirror you're looking in to be free.

Dressed on the Inside

As we look and read, we must understand that looking is not seeing. You're looking to see. I remember reading in Luke 24 where Jesus appeared to the disciples but they couldn't see Him. When you read further in that chapter, you'll see it goes on to say He opened their eyes, and *then* they knew Him.

The more you look in the natural mirror, the more trouble you're in. Vanity begins to take over, and you think you're "all that." To be honest, when looking in the natural too long, Satan waits on you because he knows you have no restraints. He knows it can be as simple as having somebody tell you how good you look for you to lose all restraints. That's one example, but the truth is that when you're looking in the natural too long, you'll do and say anything.

This is why Christians are in so much of sin and trouble today. They've dressed themselves up on the outside but haven't properly dressed themselves on the inside. Let me reiterate: the natural mirror allows you to dress for success on the outside, while the supernatural mirror allows you to dress for *good* suc-

cess on the inside. I compared the two so you'd know the difference. As mentioned in chapter four, there's a difference in having success and having good success (Joshua 1:8). Good success is from God.

You see, I'm not dressed for you; I'm dressed for God. (You should be saying the same thing.) This leads me to ask, Who did you see when you looked in the mirror this morning? What mirror have you been dressing in the most?

GROWING UP

Looking in the Kingdom mirror is seeing how to operate in the Kingdom of God. It's practical. This is where we've been trying to go. Let's look at Romans 12:1-2.

[1] I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ve transformed by the renewing of your mind, that

ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

The Kingdom mirror will cause you to present your body a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. It will cause you to not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

If you think you're losing, you're not. The only issue is that you're not *using*. "Presenting your body" and "renewing your mind" is a way of using the Word. You see, drug addicts *use* their stuff, and that's why they're consumed by their little world. If you start using your stuff, you would be consumed by your world, too — the spirit world. Most of the time, I'm in another world. You know why? Because I've been using the Word and using the supernatural mirror.

In the mirror is where you find God's glory, which is your image and your likeness in Him. You're actually being introduced to yourself properly so you can take who you are and walk into places you've never been before. Routine church service and paying God a visit won't work anymore. You're going to have to recognize that every moment with God is the most im-

portant moment you have. All that other stuff is going to fade away one day. Romans 14:17 proves what I mean by that.

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:17

You can't see the righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost that you read about in Romans 14:17 without knowing how to look in the Kingdom mirror. The type of joy God is talking about in this verse is not an emotional joy; it's a knowing joy. It's not about feelings. It's not even about facts. It's about the truth. Facts can be overruled but truth can't.

In the Kingdom mirror, you'll see righteousness, peace, and supernatural joy in the Holy Spirit. Christians should have peace no matter what the world's system looks like.

It's time to grow up, know who you are, and enjoy God for who He is and not for what you can get out of Him. Love God — don't just love His stuff. Stop seeking God for what you want. Seek God for what *He wants*.

Over the years, we've been trained to make God our Santa Clause, but God is sovereign; He already knows what you

need. He's saying, "Give me you, and I'll give you all I have."

We need to know who we are. At any given moment — at 2 o'clock in the morning, away from the mirror — we have to remember what we look like and who we are. Underlining scriptures in your Bible is not for practice but for remembrance and realization. It's for remembering the man in the mirror. It's for maturing and meditation. It's for your Kingdom rights to not only be on your mind everyday but also in your actions.

Once you look in this mirror properly, you'll be done with that part-time God mentality. By the power of the Spirit, you'll be whipping everything that tries to stand up against your identity. In the supernatural mirror, you will see your true image, your true likeness, your dominion, your authority, and your divine right to win in every circumstance.