

# Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

**Our Attitude Towards  
OURSELF MATTERS**

(Luke 18:9-14; Romans 12:1-21)





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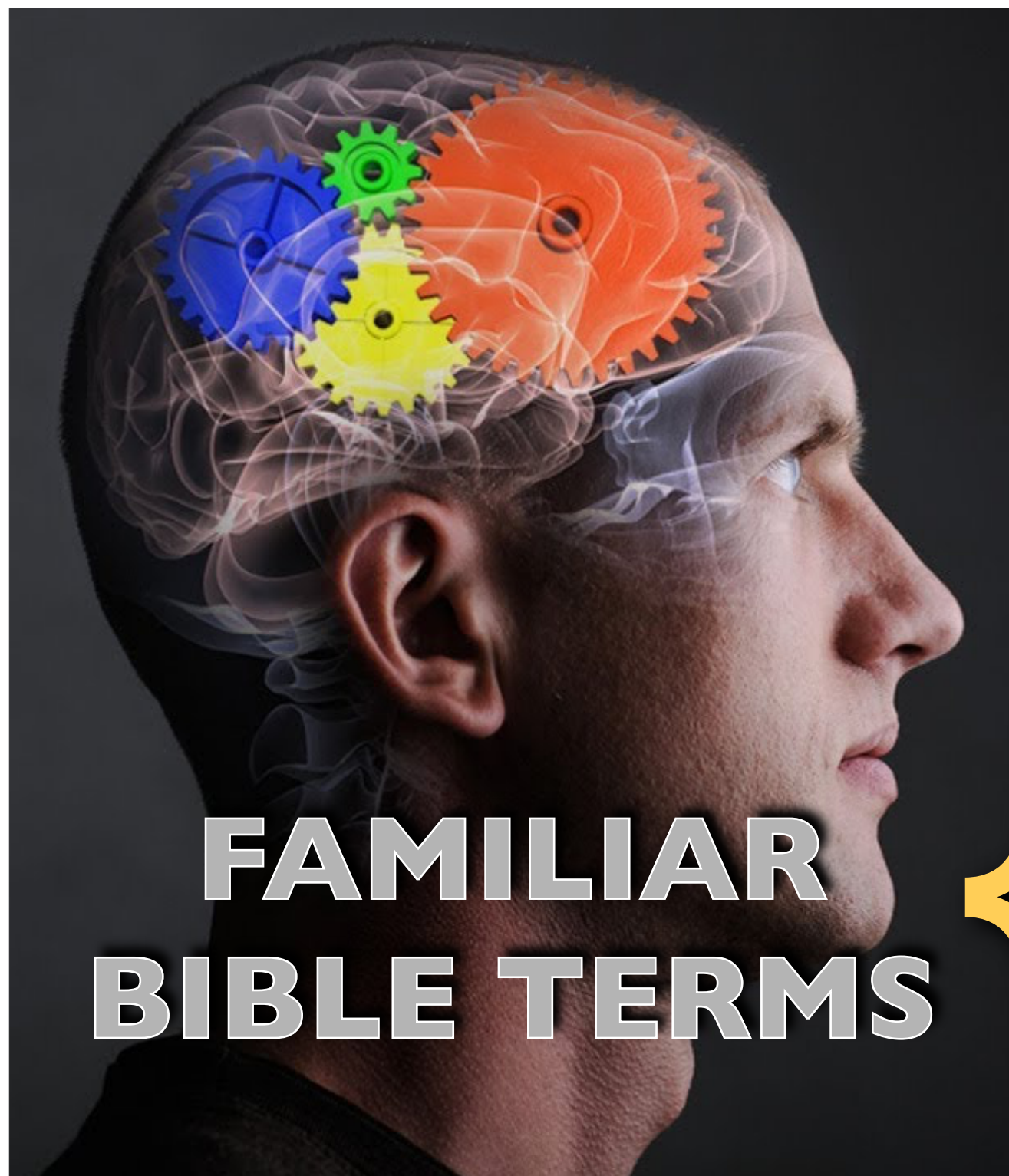
### Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"



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Mindset

Perspective

Disposition

Spirit

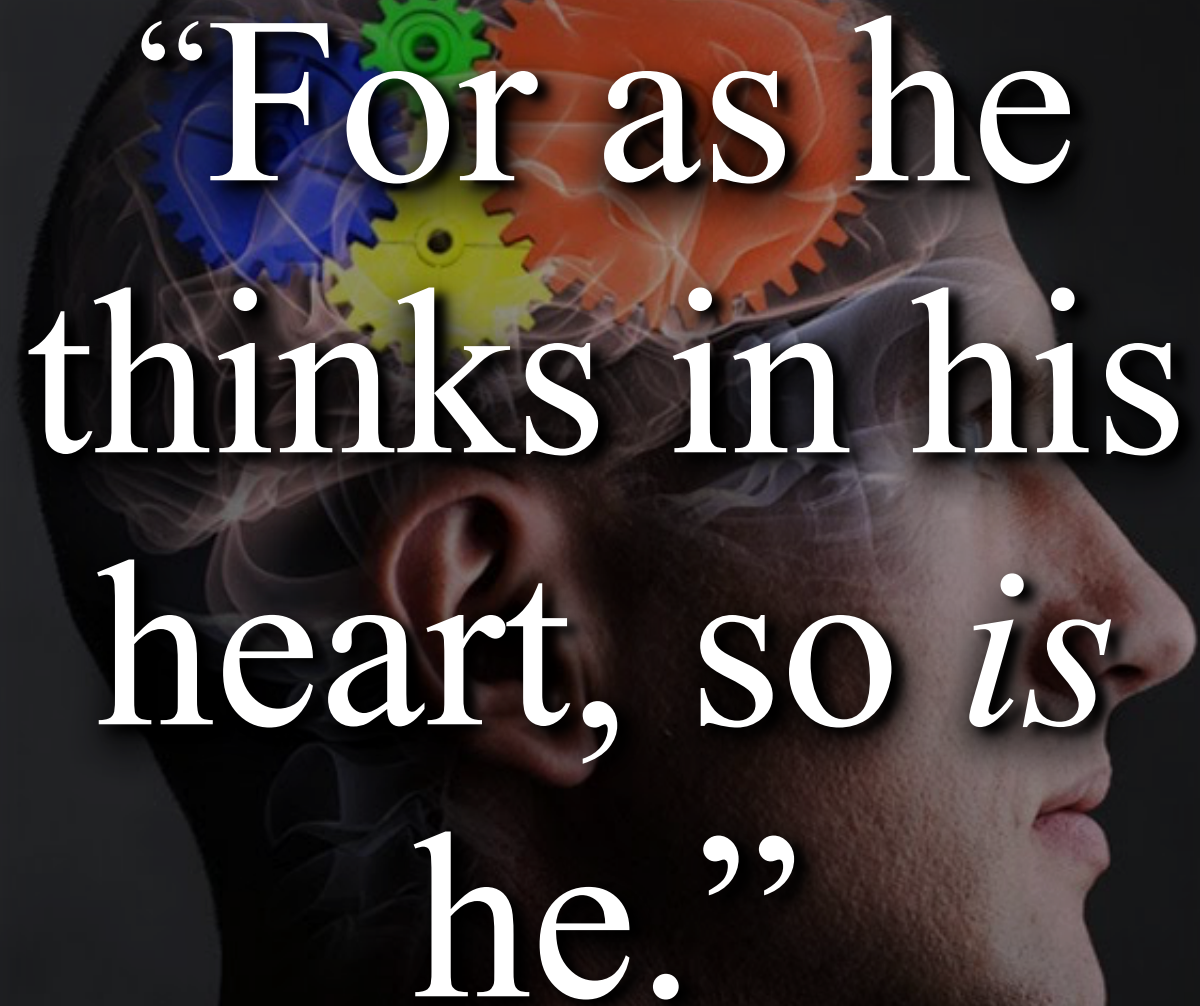
Mind

Godliness



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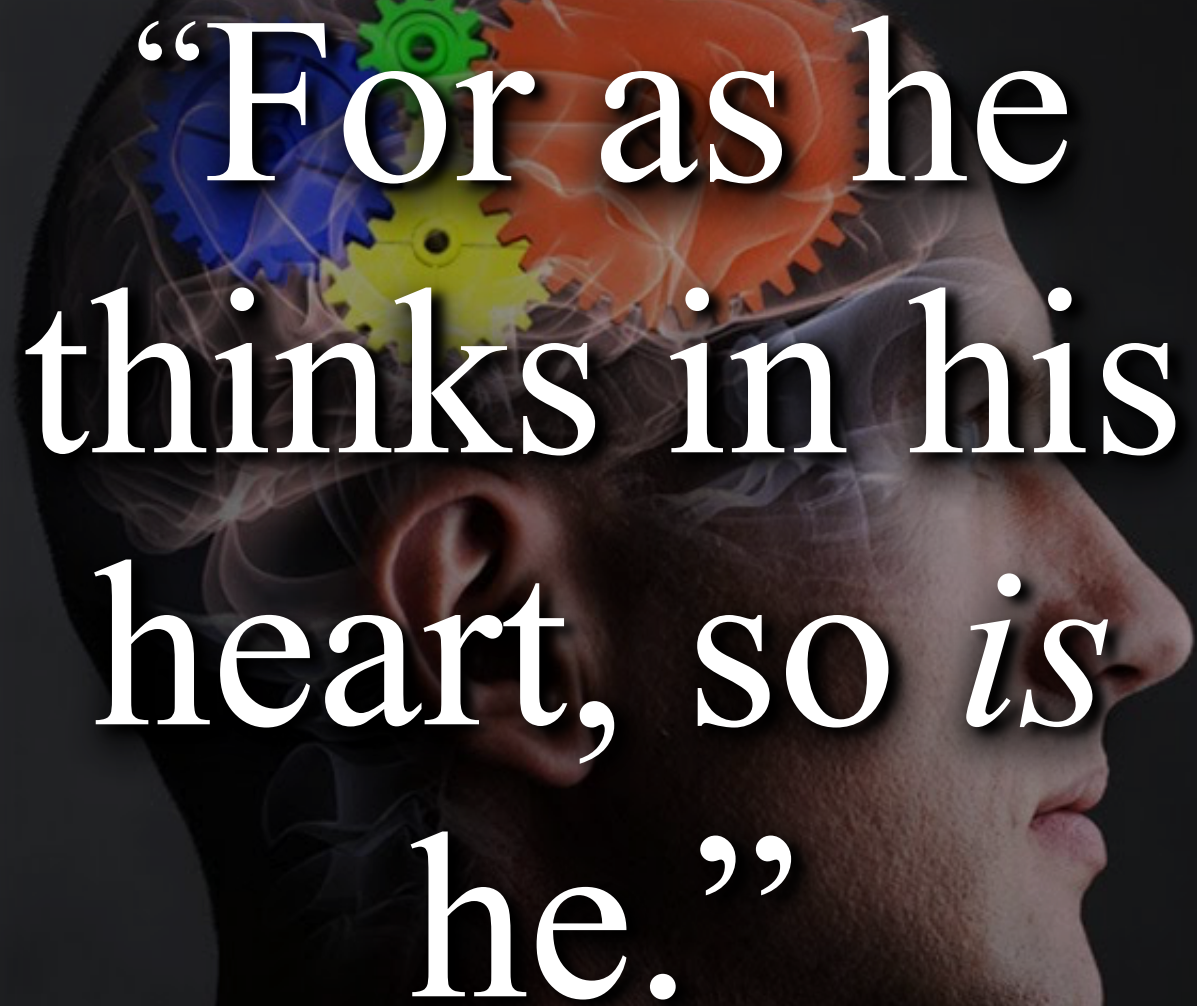
### Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.



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## OUR ATTITUDE MATTERS



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**MUCH  
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- **MATERIALISM**
- **HUMANISM**
- **PAGANISM**
- **MYSTICISM**
- **THE BIBLE**

**(James 1:22-25)**



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## **James 1:23–25 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.



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*<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)*

**IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD'S WORD ...**



- ▶ We will see ourselves as God's creation and accountable to Him (Eccle. 12:13,14; Rom. 2:5-11)
- ▶ We will see ourselves as sinners in need of salvation (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
- ▶ We will see ourselves as God does: LOVED / UNDESERVING / DEPENDENT / REDEEMABLE / SAVED or LOST ...



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### Luke 18:9–14 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Also He spoke this parable to some <sup>e</sup>who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup> “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee <sup>f</sup>stood and prayed thus with himself, <sup>g</sup>‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ <sup>13</sup> And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; <sup>h</sup>for everyone who exalts himself will be <sup>4</sup>humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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## **Luke 18:9–14 (NKJV)**

### ■ **The Pharisee (11,12)**

- ▶ **Misdirected his prayer** – “stood and prayed thus with himself,” (11)
- ▶ **Compared himself to others** – “God, I thank You that I am not like other men--extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.” (11)
- ▶ **Was proud that he had exceeded the requirements of the Law** - “I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.” (12)

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## **Luke 18:9–14 (NKJV)**

### ■ **The Pharisee (11,12)**

- ▶ Jesus never condemned the Pharisees for following the Law – but for their hypocrisy, self righteousness, self exaltation, man made traditions and lack of compassion and love (Luke 18:9; Mat 15:7-9; 23)

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### ■ The Tax Collector (13):

- ▶ **“Standing afar off”** An expression of unworthiness.
- ▶ **“Would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven”** expression of guilt.
- ▶ **“But beat his breast”** – An expression of grief and anguish.
- ▶ **“Saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”** - An expression of dependency (humility) and repentance.

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### ■ CONTRASTING ATTITUDES:

- **The Pharisee** – Superiority, despised others, self righteousness, felt worthy to approach God because of his goodness, self-sufficiency.
- **The Tax Collector** – Humility, unworthiness, penitence, insufficiency.
- Can we see ourselves in either of these two men? If so – which one?



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## **Luke 18:9–14 (NKJV)**



- **We must have the right attitude toward ourselves:**
- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness & renewal (Isa. 59:1,2; Rom. 3:23; Col. 2:13; Rom. 6:3-6)
- Must be humble, submissive, draw near to God, resist the devil, cleanse our deeds & thoughts (James 4:6-10)
- We are nothing without Christ (Eph 2:12,13; Rev. 1:6; 5:10)



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## **Luke 18:9–14 (NKJV)**



- **We must have the right attitude toward our deeds:**
  - No accomplishment is GOOD apart from JESUS (John 15:5)
  - Still unworthy (Isa. 64:6; Luke 17:10)
  - Salvation can't be earned (Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 11:6)
  - Reception of God's grace requires humble, trusting, loving submission (Mat. 5:3-11; Titus 2:11-14; Heb 5:8,9; Luke 9:23)



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## Romans 12:1–16 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For I say, *f* through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, *g* not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt *h* to each one a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For *i* as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so *j* we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.



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- **A CHOICE.**
- **A DEMAND of GRACE.**
- **NOT PROUD, BUT HUMBLE.**
- **CORRECT THINKING IS INFORMED & PURPOSEFUL THINKING!**



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## Romans 12:1–16 (NKJV)



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<sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

- **Think of others above self** (Phil. 2:1–4)
- **The real danger of money, authority and fame is pride & condescension** (1 Ti. 6:6–9)



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## KEYS TO ACCURATE SELF DISCOVERY



- **Humility / Teachable** (Mat 5:3; Jer. 10:23; Isaiah 6:5)
- **Meekness / Submissive** (Luke 17:10; James 1:21)
- **Honesty / Integrity** (Acts 17:11)
- **Willing to Examine self & receive correction** (Mt. 7:1-3; Ac 17:11; 2 Cor. 13:5; Pr. 15:31-33; 2 Ti 3:16,17)
- **Love** [seek our true & eternal best interest] (Mk 12:29-31; Mt. 16:26)



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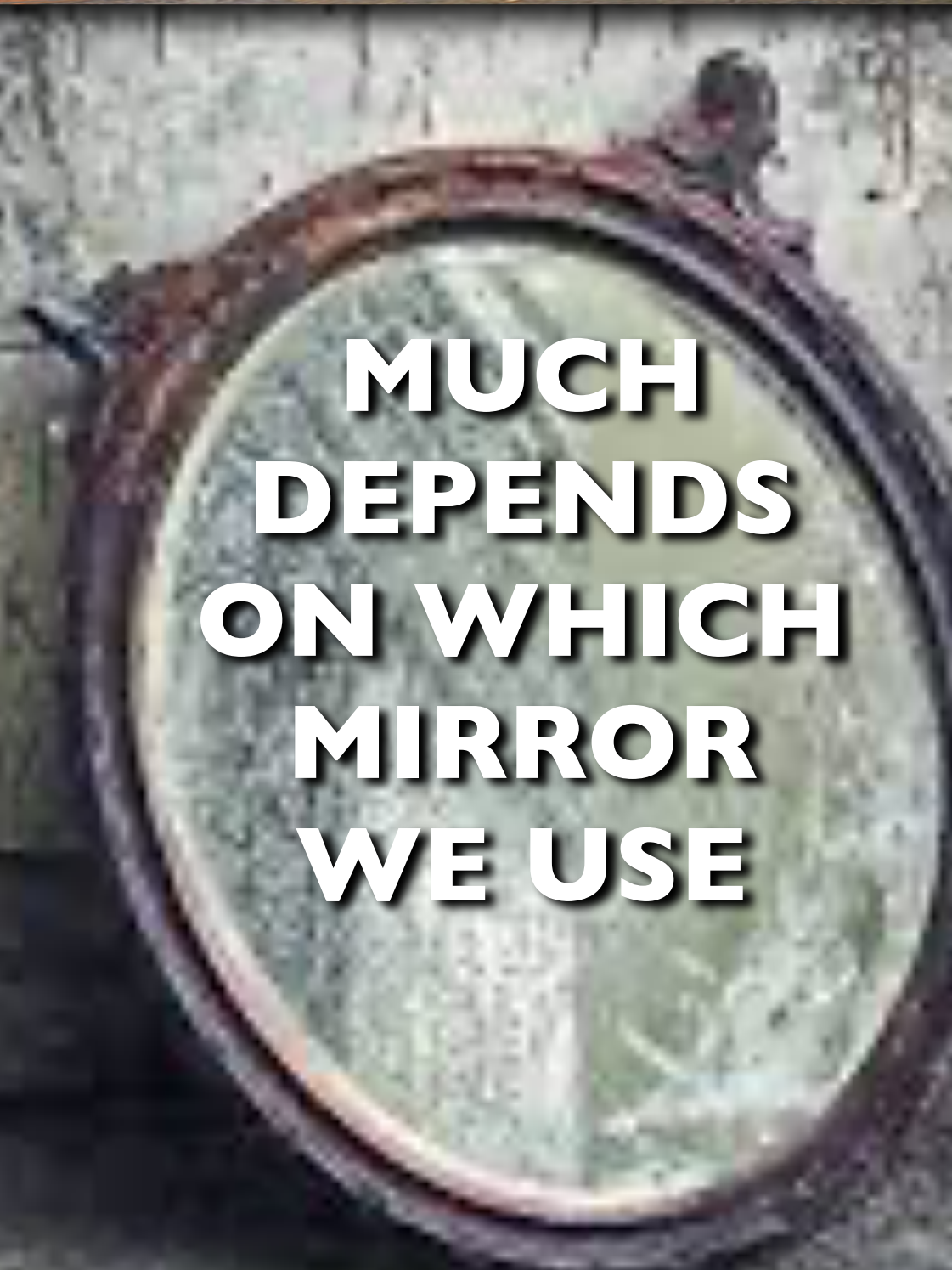
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- **Self-denial** (Matt. 16:24; Luke 9:23). by esteeming others better than self (Phil. 2:3; John 13:3-17) by humbling oneself before God (1 Pet. 5:6).
- **Self-control** (Prov. 16:32; Gal. 5:23; 2 Pet. 1:6). bringing every thought & action into conformity with the will of God.
- **Self-sacrifice** (2 Cor. 8:5; Rom. 12:1-2). Christians are to be "living sacrifices" unto God-living each day to accomplish the good works for which they were created.



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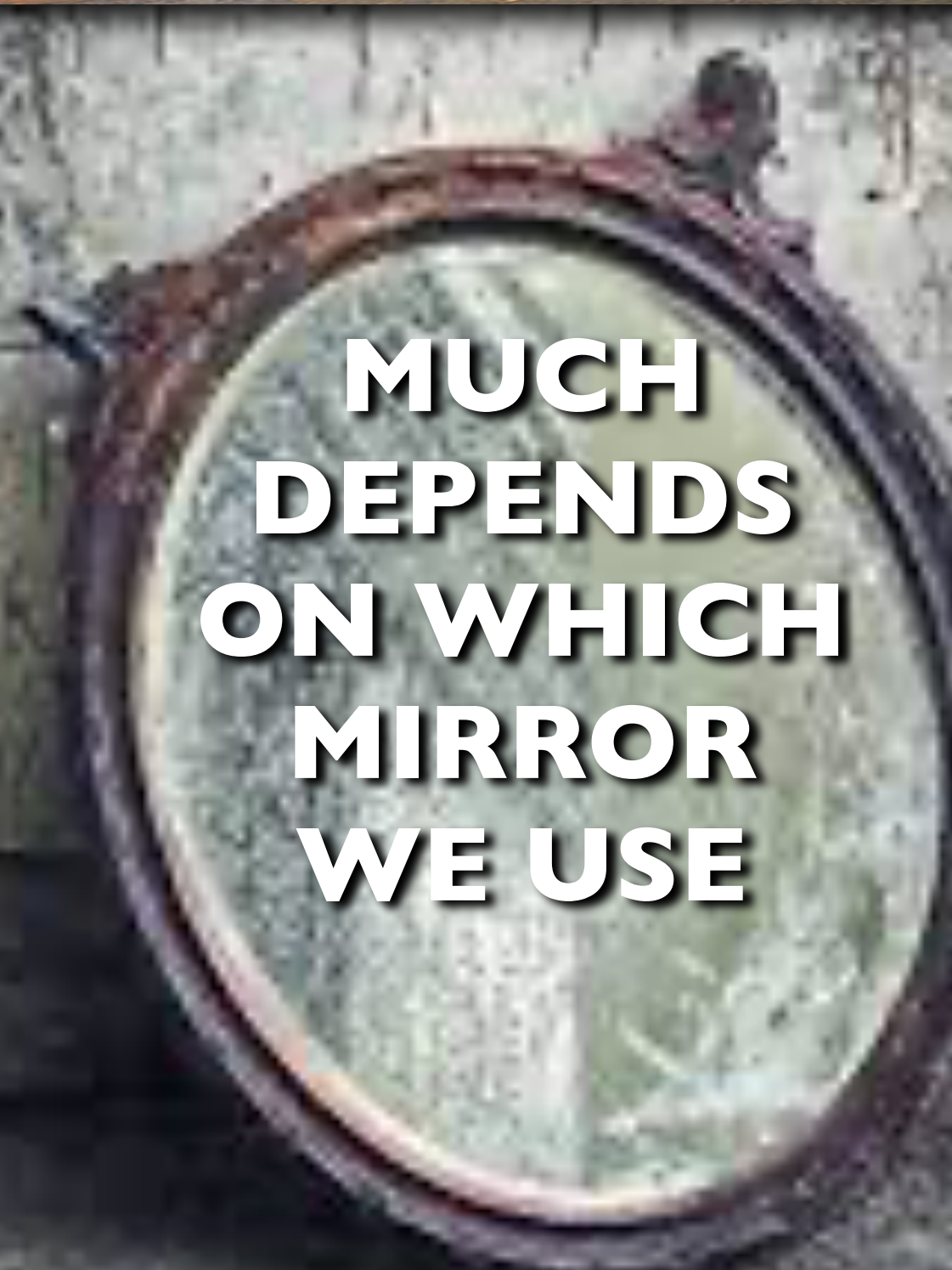
## Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place*, With him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.



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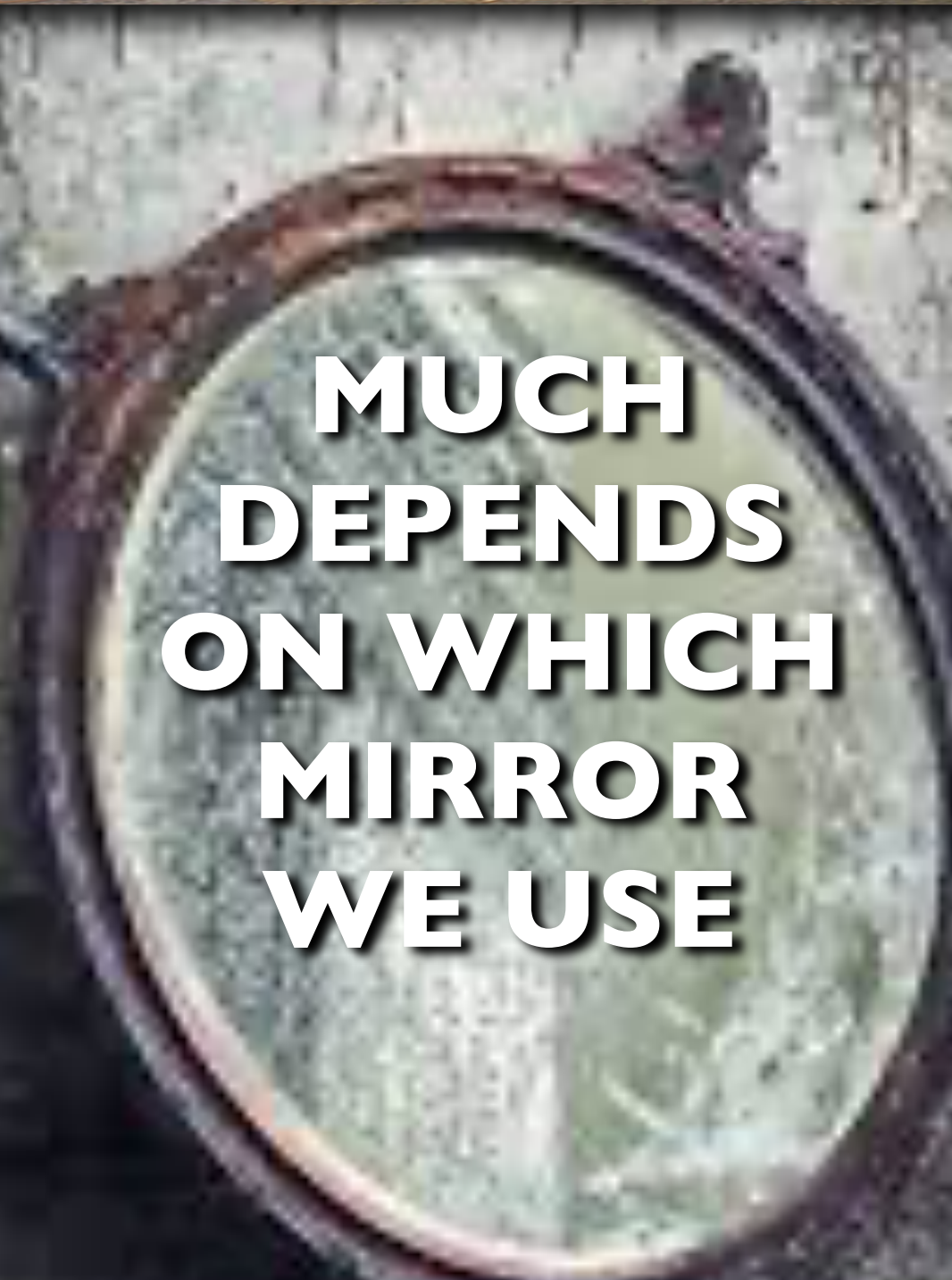
**Isaiah 66:2 (NKJV)**

For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the LORD. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.



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- ▶ Do we will see ourselves as God's creation & accountable to Him (Ecc. 12:13,14; Rom. 2:5-11; Heb 11:13-16)
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**John 8:24**

**Romans 10:9-17**

**Mark 16:16**

**Acts 2:6-42; 17:30**

**Col. 2:12,13; 1:23**

**1 Cor. 15:58**

- ▶ HEAR THE GOSPEL
- ▶ BELIEVE THE GOSPEL, THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD - THAT HE DIED FOR YOU AND IS THE RISEN LORD
- ▶ CONFESS JESUS AS LORD
- ▶ REPENT / TURN FROM YOURSELF, FROM SIN, AND TO GOD
- ▶ BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS
- ▶ LIVE FOR JESUS / IMITATE HIM





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**In order to be pleasing to God, we must have an attitude of self-denial, trust, & surrender.**

**DO WE HAVE AN ATTITUDE TOWARDS  
OURSELF THAT PROMOTES A LIVING FAITH?**









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# Matthew 7:1–5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> “Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. <sup>3</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank *is* in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.