

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

Read James 1:21-27

True story: I know a man once who told me about riding through a strip mall on his brand new blue Harley Electra-glide. It was one of those strip malls where the stores all had semi reflective glass fronts. You could see yourself.

He would glance over every now and then looking for a particular shop. On one of these glances he noticed his reflection in the mirrored store front and thought to himself "I'm looking pretty good on this new blue Harley." Don't laugh; most of us have done the same thing or something similar.

So he said he sat up a little straighter and watched himself in the store fronts as he putted through the parking lot. Well he looked at himself when he should have been watching where he was going. He hit a little bump and lost it, dumping the bike and himself right in front of everyone there. He told me in his own words, "boy did I feel stupid."

I can relate to this mishap as I've done similar things and not that long ago. It's funny now but not so when it happens.

So here's the point of this little story; as Christians our lives are an open book, or at least they should be. In the Scriptures above, James warns us not to look in the mirror and then forget what we look like. Although James doesn't say it this way, we should look in the mirror every day and hope to see a little more of Jesus and a little less of 'me'.

That won't happen unless we refuse to get distracted by the world around us and stay focused on the instructions God has given us.

Read the following Scriptures

- Hebrews 12:1-2
- Psalm 101:3
- Matthew 6:22

How do these Scriptures relate to James 1:21-27?