



# TALK IT OVER

Mirrors

## BOTTOM LINE

Our identity mirrors God's image when shaped by His Word.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

If you could only take three things besides your clothes and money on a beach vacation, what would they be?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](http://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [The Bible Is First a Mirror](#)  
Using the Bible as a mirror, not binoculars (30 sec.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow on all, on those who take refuge in you.*  
Psalm 31:19 NIV

*You were bought at a price.* 1 Corinthians 6:20 NIV

*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed ... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.* 1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV

*See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.* 1 John 3:1 ESV

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.* Galatians 4:4-7 NIV

"Myths break you. Masks hide you. The Mirror restores you."  
– Dave VanDonge

"God's Word gives us the best place to find security, significance, and acceptance." – Dave VanDonge

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The question for us is, "How much does my life look like Jesus?" We can grow more like Jesus, reflecting God's image, when we are shaped by God's Word, our mirror. We must decide our most trustworthy source of reality. External truth must be greater than internal truth. What does that mean? How do you respond to the common advice, "Just follow your heart?" Explain. Deciding that the Bible is truly God's authoritative truth for my life is an important step toward finding security, significance, and acceptance. How has it impacted your life? Dave shared the research on measurable results of consistently prioritizing time to read God's Word. What are some of the results of God's Word in your life? We struggle to trust God because we doubt His goodness. Discuss. How significant is believing God is good when you are in very difficult times? What are the signs we are not trusting His goodness? In your life, have you experienced adoption as God's child? If so, how is your perception of yourself different? How is God using His Word to shape your life today? What is your consistent plan from now on for "looking into the mirror"?

## ACTION STEP

I will no longer believe the myth that I must please others to be loved. I will no longer mask myself to hide the real me. I will fashion my life as a child of God, daily looking to His mirror, the Word, for my truth.

