Spiritual Selfie

John Brumfield · James 1:19–27

INTRODUCTION

- If we had a camera that took a picture of our spiritual life, would you be willing to post that for the world to see?
- The first definition that I have of a spiritual selfie, it's a snapshot of your spiritual life, pointing out every aspect, both good and bad.
- Spiritual selfie is a tool used to look back at what you have or have not done through self-reflection.

1 Find the Flaws

Matthew 7:1–6; 2 Timothy 2:15

- The first step that we have is we have to find the flaws.
- We have to make that list of our spiritual life, and we have to find what's negative in there.
- First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.
- If we take out the whole judgment part, there's still a log in our eye. There's still a problem in our life, a flaw in our life that we have not addressed.
- So it starts by studying. It starts by understanding what God wants from us.

2 Correct the Flaws We Have Found

James 1:19–25; Matthew 5:48

- Going into the next step is we can correct the problem. We can correct the flaws that we have found.
- Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
- We can't just walk up to a mirror, look at ourselves, find what all of our problems are, and just walk away.
- We have to make sure that we're striving to fix the problems that we see in our lives.
- I think one of the biggest problems that we have is we're afraid to correct what we see.
- There has never been a time that I've ever seen anyone come up front and confess their sins and everyone shun them.

3 Protect the Image That We Have

James 1:26–27; Ephesians 6:10–20; Proverbs 26:11

- The third step, third and final step is we have to protect the image that we have.
- You can't go back and make the same mistakes that we made earlier.
- It's stay spotless from the world. Stay away from what the world does.

- Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly.
- When we go back to the sins that we've worked so hard to leave behind us, just doesn't make any sense.

THE CHALLENGE

If you need the prayers of the congregation, or you need to confess anything, or you need to be baptized, now's the time to do it as we stand and sing.

MY NOTES