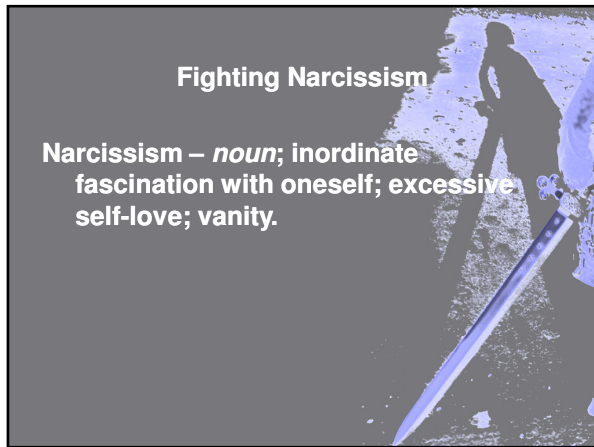


**Slaying The Giants
Part 8
Fighting Narcissism**



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Narcissism – *noun*; inordinate fascination with oneself; excessive self-love; vanity.



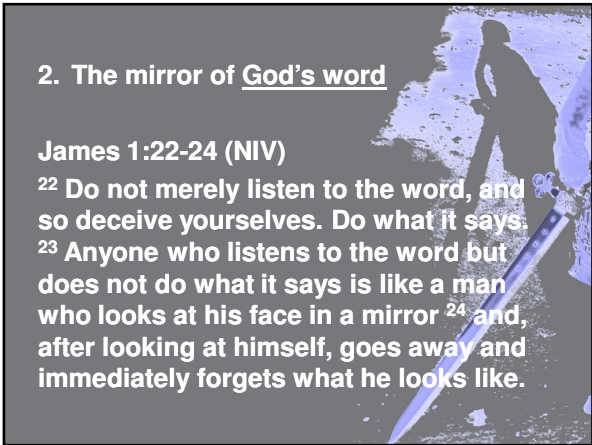
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2 Timothy 3:1-4 (NIV)
There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ... lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--



The greatest challenge when fighting narcissism is proper use of mirrors.

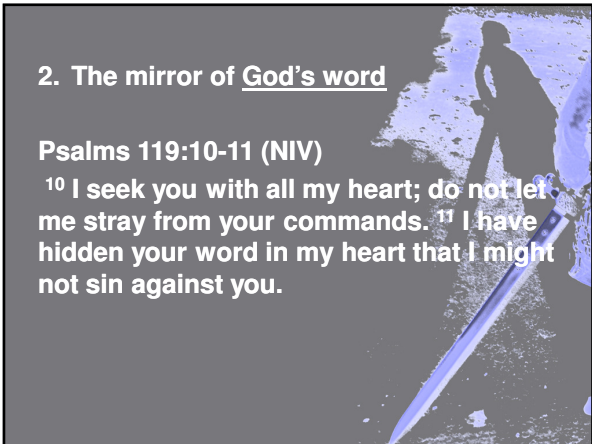
1. The mirror of culture

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)
¹² We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise.



2. The mirror of God's word

James 1:22-24 (NIV)
²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.



2. The mirror of God's word

Psalms 119:10-11 (NIV)
¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.



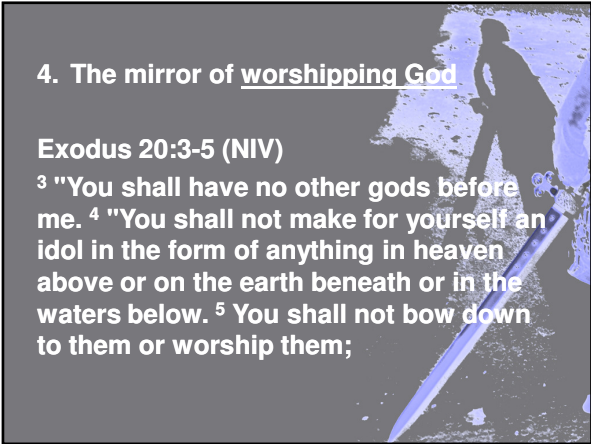
3. The mirror of Christian community

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NIV)
¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.



3. The mirror of Christian community

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)
³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.



4. The mirror of worshipping God

Exodus 20:3-5 (NIV)
³ "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them;

4. The mirror of worshipping God

Psalms 8:3-4 (NIV)

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?
