When You Look in the Mirror, Do You Like the Person You See?

Introduction:

A. Self-image is important.

B. Psycho - cybernetics.

C. Attitudes

 1. Superiority

 a. Not real fear.

 b. This reminds me of a story of two men walking in a mental

institution. One fellow nudged the other and asked, “What are you in here for?” The other one said, “Why, I took a gun and shot a hole in my head.” The first one said, “You did? Why, that’s why I am in here too. I took a gun and shot two holes in my head.” The other replied, “That’s what I don’t like about you; the holier-than-thou attitude” (*The Heart of a Champion*, by Bob Richards, page 131).

 c. Romans 12:3

 2. Inferiority.

 3. Philippians 4:13

D. Self image is important. Proverbs 4:23

E. Solve many problems.

 1. Drugs, alcohol – not because do not know consequences.

 a. Life not worth living – destroy self.

 b. Not adequate – must make chemical adjustment to elevate to level

 of others.

 2. Sexual misconduct.

 3. Stealing, work hard, twenty-fours hours a day running.

 4. Bum.

F. What is our true image?

I. GOD MADE YOU.

 A. Some believe man evolved from a monkey. This may be why they act the

 way they do. They try to act like their family.

 B. Dear little Grub worm, don’t you cry,

You’ll be a June bug, by and by

And in a million years or more

You’ll be a college sophomore.

 C. God made you. Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4

 D. When you run yourself down, you are not being humble – you are not

 criticizing yourself. You are criticizing your self-maker.

II. ALL GOD WANTS IS WHAT YOU ARE.

 A. Talents. Matthew 25:14-30

 B. Widow. Mark. 12:41-44

 C. Andrew. John 1:40-42

 D. Lad. John 6:1-13

 E. Dorcas. Acts 9:36-39

 F. What if you goof? Matthew 26:69-75

1. First sermon

2. One half of Acts.

3. 1 and 2 Peter.

4. Elder.

III. THE PRICE OF THE CROSS ARGUES FOR YOUR WORTH.

 A. What is something worth?

1. Land worth $350.00 an acre?

2. Mrs. Mayberry’s rocking chair.

B. Worth more than money. 1 Peter 1:18, 19

C. Jesus took our place that we might be better. 2 Corinthians 5:21

D. He died for you! Hebrews 2:9

E. Eight-cow woman.

F. One-cross man, woman, boy, girl.

G. Take advantage of the cross.

1. Alien. Romans 6:3,4

2. Erring. 1 John 1:9

3. Faithful. 1 John 1:7

IV. WE’RE ALL MADE OF THE SAME STUFF.

A. Came from dust, going to dust. Genesis 2:7; Genesis 3:19

B. Boy saw dust under bed: “Mama there’s a man under my bed. I don’t

 know if he’s going or coming.”

C. We all have great worth as individuals. Matthew 16:26

1. This is great news in a numbered society-credit cards, Social

 Security number, bank number, school number, Baskin-Robins

 number.

2. Man asleep answered phone: “You have the wrong idiot, you

 number.”

3. Many setbacks do not mean total failure.

a. Abraham Lincoln.

b. Bobby Kennedy.

c. Colonel Sanders.

d. Thomas Edison.

D. Men’s Leadership Course – all have fears out of our comfort zone.

E. A reporter asked Walt Disney how it felt to be a celebrity. “It feels fine,”

he replied, “when it helps get a choice reservation for a football game. But, it has never helped me make a good picture or a good shot in a polo game, or command the obedience of our daughter. It doesn’t even seem to keep fleas off our dogs-and if being a celebrity won’t give one an advantage over a couple of fleas, then I guess there can’t be much in being a celebrity after all” (Christopher Finch, “The World of Disney”, *Reader’s Digest,* February 1975, page 34).

F. We are different, not necessarily because one is better, but because of

 different experiences.

1. Can’t speak Chinese – not dumb, different experience.

2. Not doctor – not dumb, different experience.

3. Not a mechanic, electrician.

4. Not a preacher.

5. Dr. Parker Elrod took his car to Cooper Shepherd at Centerville

 Service Station.

a. Dr. Elrod: “What’s wrong with my car?”

b. Cooper: “Just a virus.”

Conclusion:

A. You are important.

B. You are valuable.

C. You can succeed.

1. If you want to.

2. If you stick to.

3. If you aim to.

D. “God made me, and God don’t make no junk.”