

## What's in Your Mirror? (Secret Three of *Six Secrets*)

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### Introduction

James 1<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

### Our Second Birth

p. 41

James 1<sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. <sup>18</sup> Of His own will He brought **us** forth by the **word of truth**, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. <sup>19</sup> So then<sup>1</sup>, **my beloved brethren**, let every man be swift to hear [1:21–2:26], slow to speak [3:1-18], slow to wrath [4:1–5:6]; <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

*The same word  
that regenerates us*

Cf. 1 Peter 1:23: ...having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

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*also transforms us.*

Cf. 2 Corinthians 3:18: But we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**The Face of Our Birth** p. 43

Cf. Romans 7:25b: So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

**The Law of Liberty** p. 46

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**Conclusion**