
GLASSES



>1 *Corinthians 13:12*<

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror: then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part: then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

I had a friend growing up. She was kind and well liked by most of the school. She and I went to church and youth group together and she would often cry and become very emotional during youth services. Many of us would judge her for this because we knew that the night before she had been out drinking, and worse. We looked at her and we judged her. We had names for her and talked about how she was a hypocrite. We thought we had her figured out. But, sadly, we only partially knew her. If we really knew her we would've known that things at home were very bad. We only knew part of her life. We saw her like looking in a mirror dimly.

Oftentimes we see the world with blurred vision. If you wear glasses or contacts you know exactly what I'm talking about. If you don't you should put on someone else's glasses and experience it for yourself. When you see the world with blurred vision you have a very difficult time with details and what's actually going on in people's lives. I saw this girl and her life in this way, only thinking I knew what was going on. If I could really see her I would've known there was so much more going on in her life. Instead of judging her, I hope I would've helped her. We all need glasses. We all need corrective lenses that help us see the world the way God sees the world, knowing the whole picture, through love and grace.

Go and Do

How do you view people? Do you make judgments about others? Do you find yourself condemning them in your mind? Think about those people who you find yourself judging. Decide to take just one of those people this week and try to get to know him or her better and understand who he or she is. Work to see him or her as God does.
