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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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A five-year-old boy was told repeatedly to sit down and be quiet. He couldn't seem to handle the assignment, so his teacher sought discipline at the principal's office. There, he was made to sit down with only the office secretary in the room. He sulked in a surprisingly quiet demeanor as she worked. When the principal came back to ask if he had changed his mind about obeying his teacher, he replied, "I may be sitting on the outside, but I'm standing on the inside!" It was obvious that his forced submission to the rule was not his heart's desire.

We see people from the "outside in" because we are physical beings. God sees us from the "inside out".

Outward expressions of faith are made useless by a disregard for true obedience. Repentant sinners are made acceptable to God by righteous conduct and a supreme desire to fulfill the intent of the Law leading to a heart cleansed from sin by the Spirit of God.

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