

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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Psalm 36:1-6

A few months ago, I bought a new phone. One of my favorite features was its very nice camera. Everything looked better through the device's lens.

I posted a selfie online and a friend commented, "Wow! If that's not a filter, you've got to give me your skin care regimen!" All of a sudden, it became clear to me that perhaps something was askew.

I opened the camera options and found the phone had options called "smoothness," "jawline," and "tone," all of which were turned on. I clicked them off and watched my face return to its comfortable typical self.

When we have an unrealistic view of ourselves and finally we are face-to-face with an unfiltered view of our lives, the reality can be jarring. We must have a proper perspective of God's goodness and our frailty, not so we may be filled with shame, but so we can experience the rich application of and appreciation for grace.

When we use the filter of self-satisfaction and self-righteousness we don't fool anyone except ourselves and we deny ourselves the experience of the goodness of God.

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