

Strategies Aimed at Defiling the Image of God

Image Bearers are Reflections of what they Behold

- Imprinting:
- Definition of defile: sully, mar, spoil, desecrate, profane trample
- Definition of mar: impair appearance of; disfigure, spoil
- When Adam lost glory of God—he quickly lost consciousness of God's image and likeness.
- Sin robbed mankind of original/intended identity

Displaying His Image

- Man designed to bear image/likeness of God—Genesis 1:26
- Designed for face to face reflection
- Interrupted in Eden
- Demonstrated in Moses—fading glory
- Hebrews 1:3—And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power....
- Marriage—to display the relationship between Christ/Church

Mirrors

The Law as a Mirror

- Romans 3:23—all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Ourselves as a Mirror

- When we focus on our soul/senses
- independence—exaggerated view of ourselves—Isaiah 14/I will
- Bearing image of earthly family/natural father—overshadows identity of Heavenly Father
- I Corinthians 15:36-49

Culture as a Mirror

- We can't get an accurate measure of ourselves by comparing ourselves to ourselves
- When we compromise God's ways—to achieve acceptance in the culture
- Latest Barna report about LGBTQ
- Isaiah 55:9
- Matthew 4:8

The Spirit as a Mirror

- II Corinthians 3:7
- Truly hearing with faith brings us into the mystery of our original design
- II Corinthians 4:6-7
- Ephesians 4:22-24