

Series: Mirror on the Mount

Title: The Foundation of Transformation: Hearing, Doing, and Holding Up the Mirror

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Main Scripture: Matthew 7:1–5, 24–27

Spiritual transformation isn't built on how much of Jesus' teaching you hear—it is built on how much of His teaching you put into practice.

1. CLEAR THE LOG BEFORE YOU CHECK THE SPLINTER

(Matthew 7:1–5)

- It is easy to use the Word of God as a magnifying glass on other people's flaws instead of a mirror for our own hearts.
- Jesus exposes self-righteousness: trying to fix someone else's minor flaw ("splinter") while ignoring our own major blind spot ("log").
- A City Changer inspects their own heart first before trying to fix the world around them.

Ask yourself who or what you are currently tempted to judge, and identify the "log" in your own eye that God wants you to deal with first.

2. STORMS DON'T DISCRIMINATE, BUT FOUNDATIONS DO

(Matthew 7:24–27)

- Both the wise and foolish builders heard the exact same teaching.
- Both builders experienced the exact same storm (rain, rising streams, and harsh winds).
- The difference between standing firm and collapsing isn't information; it is application.
- Hearing the Word builds knowledge; obeying the Word builds your life on the Rock.

3. OBEDIENCE IS THE ULTIMATE REFLECTION

(James 1:22–25)

- Looking into the mirror of God's Word without acting on it leads to self-deception.
- When the storms of life hit, a life anchored in obedience remains intact and continues to reflect Christ's glory to a shaking world.
- True revival begins when we stop just listening to sermons and start living them out.

MY NEXT STEPS THIS WEEK

- **INSPECT:** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any hidden "logs" or blind spots in my own life before I judge others.
- **APPLY:** Choose one lesson from the *Mirror on the Mount* series that I have delayed acting on, and obey it today.
- **ANCHOR:** Set aside dedicated quiet time to root my daily decisions firmly in Scripture.

KEY MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." — **Matthew 7:24**