

Have you ever posted something mean or unkind on social media? Have you ever received something mean or unkind or social media?

Care to share?

9 out of 10 people think we, as a people, have become more rude. What do you think? What role has social media played in the "rudeness of America"?

Read Proverbs 15:4; Proverbs 12:18; James 3:9. What descriptions do the writers give of the influence of our words? Do you agree with their descriptions? What instructions are given? Why do we not follow them?

Look at a mirror. It is a metaphor of this topic.

Read Mark 12:28-31. *How is loving our neighbor connected to loving ourselves?* Read Matthew 7:12. *How do Mark 12: 28-31 and Matthew 7:12 explain each other?* 

How would we talk to each other and about each other if we saw each other as part of ourselves?

Scientists tell us that a baby experiences reality for the first time as reflected in the face of the parent - the caregiver. The child's impression of the world into which she has been born is encompassed by who she sees gazing down upon her.

What happens if the expressions are critical, harsh, cold?

With that picture from science in mind, read Numbers 6:25 and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18.

With God as our Parent, what message do we receive when we look into, gaze into, God's face?

The context of 2 Corinthians 3 is Exodus 34:34-35. Take a look at those verses.

What happened to Moses when he saw God's face?

How does that experience fit with what Paul writes?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:3-9.

How does Paul describe the Law of Moses?
Contrast the "ministry of the law" with the "ministry of the Spirit."
What path does Paul tell us to take in order to be "righteous"?
How does looking at God change us?
How can we gaze at God?

How can we pray for each other this week?