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The Mission of  
FBCWR:  
*Connecting People  
to God's Life-  
Changing Power*  
  
*We've Got  
Connections!*

Little children,  
let us not love  
with word or  
with tongue,  
but  
in deed and truth.

*1 John 3:18*

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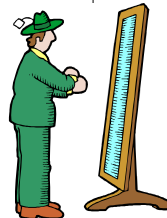
## These Four (Mirrored) Walls

Déjà vu all over again. Where are my dumb gym shorts? I'm always searching for them. I thought buying 6 pairs in the last two years would make a difference. Has it? Nooooo. Who keeps wearing them? Moving them? Hiding them? Selling them at garage sales? As I stomp off to yet another closet during my personal CSI, I catch a sideways glimpse of the man in the mirror. Wow, the guy is upset. Does the huffing really help Joe? A Proverb flashes across my mind, "Only a fool vents his anger". Eventually I find a pair in my wife Terri's closet. Is there a lesson here? Maybe Terri needs a lesson.

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### Household Reflections

It was a great day in my life when I finally acknowledged what the Lord and my family knew all along. My true character is reflected not by what I say in public but how I act in private. Jesus breaks it down for us in the Sermon on the Mount. He exposed our propensity to put on a righteous show for public consumption. It's a rare Sunday morning that I can't slap on a smile and be nice to everybody at church for a couple hours. Make that 3 hours, since I am usually on my best behavior before I speak. I don't want God's blessing to pass over me! God should understand the more-than-occasional slip-ups of the other 165 hours of the week.



There's always a handy arsenal of excuses to justify impatience, anger, lack of service. "I work really hard, I'm tired". "Don't they know God made me the leader (translation: boss)?" "I'm always giving out around here, it is time for me to receive". Rationalizations offer a measure of solace but steal away the settled

peace of maturity. James 3:17-18 puts it so well, *But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is*

*righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

### Reality Show

Our home lives are the perfect "reality" show. We could call such a program, "The Example". How would you fair if cameras were constantly rolling, showing the world how a follower of Jesus acts at home? How long until you got "fired" or voted off?

On Sunday mornings at FBCWR, we're in the midst of a series of messages exploring home life. In the midst of a culture that has basically jettisoned the Bible's counsel on the home, we should definitely rally around His thoughts on the home. Yet the final test of agreement happens between services.

*-Joe Fornear*