

Text: 2 Peter 2:17-19
Topic: Reputation. Godliness.
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The Gap

Closing the Distance Between Reputation & Reality



2:17 These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. 18 For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. 19 They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. (NIV)

1. Look _____

2. Work _____

Reputation...

Reality...

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. In what areas do you believe there to be the greatest gaps between your reputation and who you really are? Attempt to explain these disparities.

2. Read Proverbs 10:11 and John 7:38. According to the Bible, Christians are to be a source of wisdom and refreshment to those around them. Evaluate this aspect of your Christian life. Do you feel that the people that interact with you from day to day have been, or should be, looking to you for something that they are not currently getting? In what ways?

3. Read Matthew 6:1-6 and 23:5-7. Are there areas of your life where you subtly seek to inflate your reputation?

How will you seek to corral people's view of you in those areas of your life where your reputation is unreasonably high?

4. How in tune would you say you are to your motives?

What can you do to remind yourself to examine them regularly?

5. What kinds of accountability will you utilize to help you live up to the high calling we all have as Christians?