

Magic for the Gospel Magician

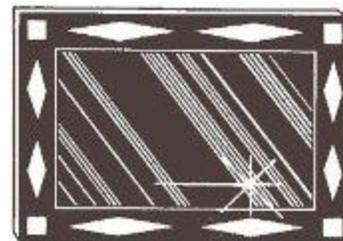
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Mirror Frame Mirror Frame



This "packs small plays big" effect we have enjoyed over the years is THE MIRROR FRAME. Abbott's Magic sells the "fine furniture" looking "Mikame Craft" version as well as the less expensive "Flexible Glass" model. Either will work fine for either one of these two Gospel magic routines.



Roger's Routine:

SET-UP: On the back side of the mirror, use double sided tape to attach a large letter copy of The Ten Commandments.

Use an "abbreviated" version of the Commandments printed out from your computer like one found at: http://www.ten-ommandments.us/ten_commandments/index.html

They also can be found under the Resources "Free Downloads" section at www.livingwaters.com which has some "flip charts" for the learning of The Ten Commandments. These are simplified one sentence versions of each of The Ten Commandments which you can then put in large font for printing out on a single piece of paper to paste/stick/glue to the back of your mirror. So one way or the other, have all The Ten Commandments printed out in as large letters as you can fit on the back side of your mirror.

ROUTINE (much per author Ray Comfort): Not very many people today can name more than five of The Ten Commandments which are recorded in the Bible at Exodus chapter 20, verses 3 through 17. But even less people really know what the real PURPOSE of The Ten Commandments is for today's folk including you and I.

I would like to quickly read for you The Ten Commandments in abbreviated form (read them from the back of the mirror). Wow- that's pretty convicting stuff, isn't it? How many of us have NEVER told a lie, not even a small one? Then we are all liars, aren't we? How many of us have never stolen anything ever, not even a paper clip? How many of us have never used a cuss word, or not wanted something that was not ours? How many of us have committed "murder" in our own hearts hating another person? Have any of us failed to place God as number 1 in our own lives but instead replaced Him with "gods" of our own choosing?

The purpose of The Ten Commandments, otherwise known in the Bible as "The Law", is to show us WE NEED A SAVIOR. We are all sinners before a Holy God. "The Law's rightful purpose is simply to act as a mirror (show mirror side) to show us that we need cleansing." (Ray Comfort, taken from "Revival's Golden Key."). NONE OF US HAVE KEPT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, and we are rightfully now condemned before a holy and just God.

But can we use the Ten Commandments to make us whole? (Putting the mirror in the cloth bag) Can we wash our faces with a mirror? Of course not! The mirror just shows us the dirt on our face, it does NOTHING to remove that dirt from our lives.

Some would say the Law is no longer needed, after all, don't all of us keep violating it? (Poke the needle through the bag). Or, don't we all 'break the Law', so why even bother to try to keep it? ("Bend" the mirror frame inside the bag).

As John Bunyan, writer of Pilgrim's Progress once said, "The Ten Commandments is a schoolmaster that shows us our need and drives us to the cross." The Bible says we must REPENT from our wicked ways, feel sorry for our sinful actions, and TURN AWAY from them.

(Remove the restored mirror from the bag and show both sides). So YES, The Ten Commandments still are vital today. We cannot just break them and toss them away without thinking about them. The Commandments expose us as sinners in need of a Savior. Through Jesus dying on the cross for our violating the Law, for our violating of The Ten Commandments, we are brought into RIGHT relationship with God. We believe in faith He died for our sins.

So that is the purpose of The Ten Commandments today, to give to us God's moral Law, to MIRROR and reflect back to us our true condition and spell out exactly how we have fallen short. It is so much MORE than engraved stone words on the walls of our Supreme Court or on church Sunday School wall posters.

I would like to conclude by reading two verses from Galatians chapters 2 and 3: "know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ (2:16); So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith." (3:24). This IS the world's best TOP TEN LIST! Wow!

MagicBob's Routine:

Check out MagicBob's routine with an Abbott's Flexible Mirror at:

www.MagicBob.org/mirror.wmv

The scripture used is:

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

James 1:22-24 (NIV)

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