The Bible’s Challenge To The Selfie Generation
From Generation To Generation

**Deuteronomy 32:5** – “They have corrupted themselves, their spot is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation”.

**Psalm 78:8** – “And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God”.

**Matthew 17:17** – “Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you?”. 
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**Greatest (GI):** Those born approximately between 1928 - 1945. Respect, work ethic, legacy.

**Baby Boomers:** Those born approximately between 1946 - 1964. Idealism, community, individual choice.


**Generation Y:** Those born approximately between 1985 - 2004. Narcissism, technology, change.

**Generation Z:** Those born approximately from 2005 onwards. Too early to determine characteristic traits.
Mirror, Mirror on the wall
Who is the fairest one of all?
Key Traits Of Narcissism

**Grandiose:** They have an inflated view of their self importance.

**Admiration:** They have an excessive need for constant admiration.

**Entitlement:** They have an unreasonable sense of personal entitlement.

**Fantasy:** They have an inordinate fascination with personal success.

**Indifferent:** They have an inability to manifest empathy and care.

**Exploitive:** They have an exploitive approach to the control of others.
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**Antisocial:** They tend to exhibit dramatic antisocial behaviour.

**Perfect:** They tend to completely reject criticism of themselves.

**Unrealistic:** They tend to set unrealistic goals and expectations.

**Arrogant:** They tend to display an arrogant attitude towards others.

**Exceptional:** They behave as if they were exempt from all rules.

**Envious:** They become jealous at witnessing the success of others.
“Narcissists are legends in their own minds”

Professor Jean Twenge
The Bible’s View Of Appearance

1 Samuel 16:7 - ""the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart"".

Matthew 23:27 - "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whitened sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead mens bones".

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The Paradox Of Self Effacement

“Christ came not to do his own will but the will of the One who sent him.

In his own service to humanity he surrendered himself entirely to God, and the result of this self-effacement was a human personality so strong and distinctive, that it shines though history with a lustre that makes the individualism of self-expressing men look dull and dirty”.

The Guiding Light, Page 55
Islip Collyer
The Blessing Of Self Surrender

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 – “for now we see though a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I shall know in part; but then shall I know even as I am known”.

James 1:23-24 - “a man beholding his natural face in a glass… but whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth... this man shall be blessed”.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory”.

1 John 3:1-3 - “it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is”.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall
Is Christ revealed in me at all?