

## A ROADBLOCK CALLED DENIAL

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\*Let's establish a fact -- God judges people based upon their understanding of truth (that which is true).

James 4:17 to him that knows to do good and does it not, to him it is sin  
John 12:47 no understanding -- not judged  
48 understanding & rejecting -- judged

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\*Let's establish another fact -- Everyone has areas of denial

Psalms 39:6 every person walks with an image of himself  
Matt. 7:1-5 beams and splinters  
Luke 18:9-14 contrast between 2 approaches

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### \*3 CONCEPTS TO HELP YOU OVERCOME DENIAL

#### 1.ASK -- Ask to see yourself

Jer. 10:23-24 ask God -- acknowledging His judgment  
Prov. 27:17 ask people -- iron sharpens iron

#### 2.HEAR -- Hear unsolicited truth about yourself

2 Tim. 4:14-15 reminder -- recognize those seeking to hurt you  
2 Sam. 12:1-7 David heard Nathan  
Prov. 27:6 faithful are the wounds of a friend -- but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful

#### 3.EXPERIENCE -- Learn from your experiences

Acts 9:3-9 Saul -- on the road to Damascus  
Acts 8:1 Saul -- consented to Stephen's death -- (7:58)  
3 Saul -- havoc in church -- sent some to prison  
Acts 9:13 Saul did much evil to the saints in Jerusalem  
21 Saul destroyed those who called upon His name  
1 Tim. 1:13 Paul -- blasphemer, persecutor & injurious  
Job 42:1-6 Job -- confrontation with God  
Job 2:3 without cause  
Heb. 5:7-8 Christ -- learned obedience through the things which He suffered