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"The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" is a great Clint Eastwood movie title. In part one we discussed the bad, part two the good and now in part three – oh well that doesn't work. So for part three let's begin with a different title "Mirror, mirror on the wall" But in all modesty you will stop me by saying "NO! NO! NO! I'm not the fairest of them all." Because for many of us when we look in the mirror we may not see the "fairest of them all" and we may be back to the Eastwood title. While we may not judge ourselves as "Ugly", we don't see what God sees when He looks into the mirror of our hearts. In you, God sees a part of who He is, a part of His goodness and grace, His love and concern. He sees His anointed.

"Wait! Wait! Wait! I'm not God's anointed I'm just a Montessori teacher." That is our first problem when we are looking into a cracked mirror – the word "just". There is no "just" in God's kingdom. You are in your classroom because you are called to be there. Like Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Samuel, David ... each were called – and anointed! I know you will say but they were prophets, priests and kings and that is who they anointed. But that is who we are called to be – His prophets, priests and kings.

Your role in the classroom fulfills part of each of these offices. Let's start with prophet. "Wait! Wait! Wait! I don't tell the future." Neither do a lot of prophets. That is the difference in our understanding of the two roles of prophets – foretelling and forth telling. A prophet's primary role is to speak forth God's Word. Is this not what you do for your children – sharing the Word of God, pointing them to Christ?

And your role as priest is to stand before God for them – to bring their names to God in prayer. And the sacrifice you offer on their behalf is it not your own life?

Your role as king may be a tougher one to do well (as evidenced by the examples of the Kings of the Bible.) Your first challenge is to remember that God has put you there and that your primary responsibility as king is to take care of your "people." We have to be careful not fall into the mode of thinking that our kingship is something special in us, like kings of old who failed to realize that the gifts they possessed were just that – gifts. Jesus cautions us not to be like the gentiles who lord it over one another but to serve each other. And God gives us King Jesus as our example as one who washes the feet of the disciples. And we follow that example as we wipe noses, dry tears, bandage cuts and attend to a myriad of other needs of our "subjects."

Prophets, priests and kings were anointed – and so are you. Who anointed you? God Himself when He gave us the Holy Spirit. That anointing is there for you to pour His oil of peace on His children, for you to anoint them for His service, for you to anoint them for their healing (we are all born broken by sin and need God's healing.) Who will stand in the gap for our children? There is always one – in the mirror!