

## 20/20 Vision

Proverbs 4:25  
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**Taking our spiritual pulse involves an eye exam. Jesus spoke about the importance of the eye saying some eyes but they see not. But if our vision to be healthy there are two main concerns we must address: Perspective and Protection.**

### I. Perspective

#### A. Priority

1. Can have eyesight but still not see!

**Mark 8:18** "Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

2. We have a spiritual eyesight problem:

**2 Corinthians 4:** <sup>3</sup> But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

**Acts 26:** <sup>17</sup> 'I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, <sup>18</sup> 'to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

3. We cannot see without Holy Spirit

**1 Corinthians 2:** <sup>14</sup> ¶ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

#### B. Practical Prayer Once Eyes are Opened

**Ephesians 1:** <sup>15</sup> ¶ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints,

<sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

<sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

##### 1. God

**Psalms 27:** <sup>4</sup> One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple...<sup>8</sup> *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."*

##### 2. Jesus

**Hebrews 12:** <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Titus 2:** <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

##### 3. His Word

**Psalms 119:** <sup>18</sup> Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

##### 4. His Will

**Proverbs 23:** <sup>26</sup> My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.

##### 5. His World

**John 4:** <sup>35</sup> "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

### II. Protection

A. The Wiles of the Tempter

**2 Corinthians 11:** <sup>13</sup> For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

<sup>15</sup> Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

- Visualize
- Personalize
- Actualize

**Genesis 3:** <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

B. Worthless things captivate the eye

**Psalms 119:** <sup>37</sup> Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, *And* revive me in Your way.

C. Worldly Things

**1 John 2:** <sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world.