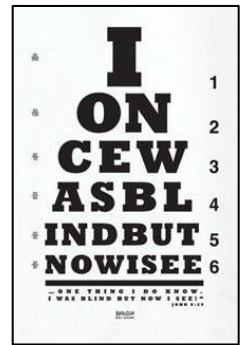




Spiritual Blindness

Everybody's Got it!



Eye Exam #11

THE BATTLE BEGINS

I am a believer in Jesus Christ now. I made that decision in August, 1958.

I asked Him to deliver me from my inherited sinful nature. HE DID.

I asked Him to deliver me from irreversible spiritual blindness. HE DID.

I asked Him to forgive me from the penalty from inherited sin & daily sins. HE DID. HE DOES.

- 1. __T__F I now live a perfect, sin-free life that always pleases God.
- 2. __T__F I now have no desires to do wrong things.
- 3. __T__F Ok, I do slip up sometimes, but not like I used to.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or physical stature; I have rejected this choice. For the LORD does not see as man sees; man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

- 4. __T__F God was talking to a believer, a man who chose who truly follow God.
- 5. __T__F God told the prophet Samuel that his spiritual sight was not good.
- 6. __T__F Does it look like "spiritual impairment" happens in the heart?
- 7. __T__F Is the way man does things the same as the way God does things?
- 8. __T__F Can we have both "spiritual sight" & "spiritual sight impairment"?

Colossians 3:8-10

Stop doing these things: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, lying to one another; why? You have turned away from the "old man" & his behaviors, and have chosen the "new man" who is created & renewed in the image and knowledge of God.

- 9. __T__F The Apostle Paul is writing to believers in a Christian church.
- 10. __T__F Is it possible that the "old man" (old nature) that we had before we became a believer is still present in our lives after we became a believer?
- 11. __T__F Can a believer have anger, malice, filthy language?
- 12. Where do those behaviors come from? _____
- 13. How can "the new man" (a believer now) overcome these behaviors? _____

Isaiah 43:18-19

Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing; here it comes - don't you see it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

2 Corinthians 5:17

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; the new has come.

- 14. __Y__N The prophet Isaiah is relaying this message to believers waiting for God's restoration and blessing.
- 15. __Y__N The apostle Paul is writing to the believers in the church in Corinth.
- 16. How long does it take for the "the new" life to replace the "old things"? _____
- 17. When life becomes a wilderness, what does God do? _____

If you live **according to the flesh**, you will die; but if you by the Spirit put to death the deeds of the flesh, you will live. For as many as **are led by the Spirit of God**, these are the sons of God.

- 18. Y N Is Paul writing to believers here?
- 19. What kind of a life is "living according to the flesh"? _____

- 20. What kind of a life is "being led by the Spirit"? _____

- 21. Y N If your whole life is motivated & run "by the flesh" (your own plan), you are probably not a believer at all.
- 22. Y N If you become a believer, can you still be "living by the flesh"?
- 23. Y N If you are a believer, and allow God to lead your life, will the "flesh" ever be a problem for you again?

Did you notice the word "led" in the verses above? When a person is visually impaired, he/she may need to be "led" around.

24. Would you explain this to me? It is assumed that believers will have impaired spiritual eyesight. Why is that? _____

25. Let's review. What factors are fighting against each other in the verses above?

- a. 1 Samuel 16:7 _____ vs. _____
- b. Col. 3:8-10 _____ vs. _____
- c. Is. 43:18-19 _____ vs. _____
- d. 2 Cor. 5:17 _____ vs. _____
- e. Rom. 8:13-14 _____ vs. _____

Let's not get too spiritual here. We are talking about human nature (old man, former things, flesh)

- 26. If you grow up and **never go to church** and never want to, what will you probably decide about these things as you get older? _____
- 27. If your parents **talk trash and disrespect**, and that is all you see as you are growing up, what will you probably do too? _____
- 28. If losing their **tempers** was the way your presents did things in your home, what might you automatically do? _____
- 29. If **stealing** was the way to get things, or **abusing people**, or being **addicted to sex**, or **lying** all the time, what might you do too? _____

Judges 17:6
Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.
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WHEN THERE IS NO KING IN OUR LIVES, NO ONE IS LEADING US. WE ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

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30. What about your life? _____

