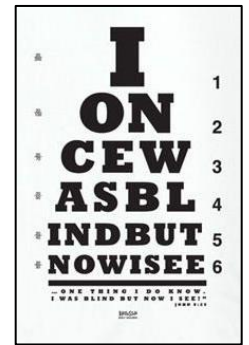




Spiritual Blindness

Everybody's Got it!



Eye Exam #12

Spiritual Eyesight Impairment

1. What do you think causes it? _____
2. ___Y___N You do not see things the way God sees things.
3. ___Y___N You do not live your life the way He wants you to.
4. ___Y___N When you have this disease, you are not a believer.
5. How do you know when you have "spiritual eyesight" problems? Match the columns.
 - a. Pride _____ I grew up in the church; I don't need to go now.
 - b. Rebellion _____ I am never sure that I am pleasing God.
 - c. Sin _____ I don't want anyone telling me what to do.
 - d. Religion _____ It's all about me.
 - e. Fear _____ I sometimes do not want to do the right thing.

Source of Corrective Lenses (Match the columns.) Read the verses at the bottom.

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| 6. 1 Timothy 4:13 | _____ | STICK TO GOD'S TEACHINGS |
| 7. 2 Timothy 2:15 | _____ | BE ALERT TO THE UNGODLY STUFF AROUND YOU. |
| 8. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | _____ | READ & INTERNALIZE THE BIBLE DAILY. |
| 9. 1 John 2:16 | _____ | REALIZE THAT THE DEVIL IS A DANGEROUS ENEMY. |
| 10. Philippians 4:6 | _____ | HATE & AVOID THE WORLD SYSTEM'S DARKNESS. |
| 11. John 8:34 | _____ | QUICKLY REPENT AND FORGIVE |
| 12. Proverbs 28:13 | _____ | BE HONEST WITH GOD, OTHERS, AND YOURSELF. |
| 13. 1 Peter 5:8 | _____ | SPEND MORE QUALITY TIME WITH GOD. |

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| 1 Timothy 4:13 | "Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." |
| 2 Timothy 2:15 | "Be diligent to present yourself approved unto God, a worker who does not be ashamed, correctly applying the Word of Truth." |
| 2 Timothy 3:16-17 | "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is useful for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for a variety of good works for God." |
| 1 John 2:16 | "For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not from the Father but is part of the world system." |
| Philippians 4:6-7 | "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through & by Jesus Christ." |
| John 8:34 | "Jesus said, 'This is the absolute truth - whoever makes a habit of committing sin is a slave of sin.'" |
| Proverbs 28:13 | "He who habitually covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever quickly confesses & forsakes those sins will receive mercy." |
| 1 Peter 5:8 | "Be sober, be alert, because your enemy the devil walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." |

IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE WE GET OUR CORRECTIVE LENSES FROM READING THE BIBLE SO THAT WE WILL BE ENABLED TO BE ALERT.

The definition of "spiritual blindness" (or impairment) for a believer is:

- *Crouching in fear and humiliation like a poor beggar.*
- *Constantly bruised and crushed with a broken heart.*
- *Stuck to the wall by the spear of unrelenting habitually evil behaviors.*
- *Lost in a smoky room with no hope of finding the exit.*

14. In the New Testament, who did the blind man have to meet to be healed of blindness?

15. Since physical blindness is a picture of spiritual blindness in the Bible, who would the "blind" believer have to meet for help? _____

THE LIFE OF A MAN = TURN TO SOMEONE - TURN AWAY FROM

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But remember this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Do not join in with such people.

Now, I am going to show you your "spiritual blindness". Yes, I have it too.

16. Y N Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin? Y N Will you?
(If no, then you are totally blind toward anything that God wants from you.)
(If yes, then you are forgiven of God but still suffering from lingering visual impairment.)

17. Which of the following do you need corrective lenses for - from God & His Word?

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| a. <u> </u> | A lover of myself | = Never a friend - just barely friendly |
| b. <u> </u> | Covetous | = Consumed by money & self-profit |
| c. <u> </u> | Boaster | = It's all about me |
| d. <u> </u> | Proud | = Secretly, I am above everyone else |
| e. <u> </u> | Blasphemer | = To express disrespect deliberately |
| f. <u> </u> | Disobedient | = No trusting, no agreeing, no obeying, no peace |
| g. <u> </u> | Unthankful | = I am not grateful to anyone; I am entitled |
| h. <u> </u> | Unholy | = Not thinking or doing right deliberately |
| i. <u> </u> | Without natural affection | = Sexual perversion outside God's plan |
| j. <u> </u> | Truce breaker | = Not devoted, faithful, or loyal to anyone |
| k. <u> </u> | False accuser | = The guilty throwing someone under the bus |
| l. <u> </u> | Incontinent | = With no control; uncontrollable |
| m. <u> </u> | Fierce | = Wildly pushing God away |
| n. <u> </u> | Despiser of good | = Hate the right way which is God's way |
| o. <u> </u> | Traitor | = Betray people with no loyalty |
| p. <u> </u> | Heady | = Rush ahead without thinking |
| q. <u> </u> | Highminded | = All smoke & no flame (cannot see clearly) |
| r. <u> </u> | Lover of pleasure | = What I want is what I love |
| s. <u> </u> | Deny God's power | = Turn away from a relationship with God |

"Lord, thank you for your forgiveness, and correct my vision every day so that I may avoid & be delivered from the behaviors on this terrible list."