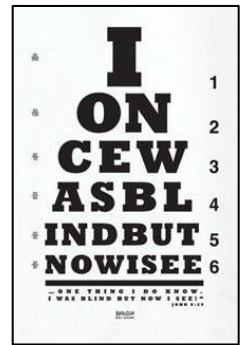




Spiritual Blindness

Everybody's Got it!

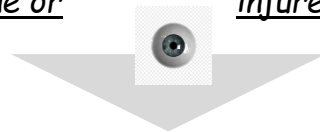


Eye Exam #7

MY PHYSICAL EYESIGHT

** Usually people have two eyes unless they were born with one or injured one.

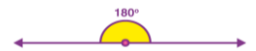
** Most people can see a 130-degree range out of one eye.



1. Cover your right eye. Keep your left eye open.
 - a. Y/N Can you see very far to the right?
 - b. Describe your vision to the left? _____
 - c. How do you feel about your total vision when you have the right eye closed?

2. Cover the left eye. Keep your right eye open.
 - a. Y/N Can you see very far to the left?
 - b. Describe your vision to the right? _____
 - c. How do you feel about your total vision when you have the left eye closed?

** Most people can see a 180-degree range when both eyes are open.



3. Stare ahead with both eyes open. Don't turn your head.
 - a. What is different straight ahead? _____
 - b. What is different looking to the left? _____
 - c. What is different looking to the right? _____
4. What is your definition of a "blind spot"? _____
5. Y/N Regardless of what eyes you use, can you see behind yourself without a mirror?

Our physical eyes are the eyes for our life.

- ** *When my eyes see it, my mind sees it at the same time.*
- ** *When my eyes see it, my emotions see it at the same time.*
- ** *When my eyes see it, my will sees it at the same time.*
- ** *When my eyes see it, my body responds after hearing from the mind, emotions, will.*

MY SPIRITUAL EYESIGHT

- ** *My physical sight is what my physical eyes sees.*
- ** *My heart (inner being) is composed of the mind, emotions, and will.*
- ** *My spiritual sight is what my heart sees when I am responding.*
- ** *A physically blind person can definitely have spiritual sight.*

- ** *Physical blindness/sight in the Bible is a physical illustration of spiritual sight.*
- ** *A physically blind man in most cases still has eyes; those eyes just don't work.*
- ** *A spiritually impaired man is a believer whose heart is not alert to what God wants.*

Job 31:1 **Job said, "I have made an agreement with my eyes. Why would I want to lust after a young girl?**
2 Cor. 4:18 **We do not look at (rely on) the things that are seen, but rather we look (rely on) at the things that are not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.**

1. Y N Do you think Job was quite serious about the things he looked at.
2. Why does it make a difference what we look at? _____
3. What could our eyes tell our mind? _____
4. What could our eyes tell our emotions? _____
5. What could our eyes tell our will? _____
6. What things are temporary? _____
7. What things are eternal? _____

Matt. 6:22-23 **The lamp of the body of the eye. If therefore your eye focuses on the "good", then your whole body (your life) will be full of light. But if your eye focuses on the bad, your whole body (your life) is full of darkness.**
Matt. 5:28 **Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her - has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**
Matt. 13:14-15 **Hearing you will hear and shall not understand; seeing you will see and not perceive; for the hearts of the people have grown dull. Their eyes are hard of hearing and their eyes are closed,....**
1 Sam. 16:7 **....The Lord does not see as men sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**
Psalm 34:15 **The eyes of the Lord focus on the righteous; His ears focus on their cry.**
Prov. 4:23-27 **Guard your heart very carefully, for out of it flows the values (fruit) of God. This will effect what you say (mouth), what you look at (eyes) and where you go (feet).**

Your "heart" refers to your body, your mind, your emotions, your will - all working together.

1. What is the eye called in Matt. 6:22)? _____
2. How do the "heart" & the "eyes" work together? (Matt. 5:28)

3. What can happen to the heart of a believer? (Matt. 13:14-15) _____
4. You may be able to see but not be able to _____. (Matt. 13:14-15)
5. You may be able to hear but not be able to _____. (Matt. 13:14-15)
6. What eventually happens to our spiritual hearing? (Matt. 13:14-15) _____
7. What eventually happens to our spiritual sight? (Matt. 13:14-15) _____
8. How are God's eyesight & man's eyesight different (1 Sam. 16:7) _____

9. Who does God **focus** on (His eyes & ears)? (Psalm 34:15) _____
10. Why must a Christian (believer) "guard" his heart? (Prov. 4:23-27)

11. What things should a believer think about in his mind? (Phil. 4:8)

Spiritual sight = *The heart of man in tune with the heart of God*
 = *The eyes of man's heart focused on the eyes of God.*
 = *Man knowing the will of God and then following it in his life.*
 = *Man allowing the Holy Spirit to teach, correct, & guide him.*
 = *Man's mind thinking the plans of God.*
 = *Man's emotions feeling & enjoying the plans of God.*
 = *Man's will deciding to follow & obey the plans of God.*