

Biblical Counseling Center introduces eCounselor's Weekly guide, to encourage counselors and all believers in discipleship and daily growth.

### Seeing with New Eyes

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I just had cataract surgery, and wow! I can see! After one eye I could see better, but now with both done, I see the world through new lenses. That reminds me of how God wants us to look at our lives, through the lens of His eyes, not through our own blurred vision (1Cor 13:12). Clarity promotes safety and productivity, both through physical eyes and spiritual eyes (Ps 1).



#### Are You Blind?

Israel at times was accused of having eyes, but not seeing; with little or no understanding they often lacked God's healing touch (Mt 13:14-17). The natural man cannot understand the truths that are revealed by the Holy Spirit, so he lives in spiritual darkness, content in his blindness. The Word and righteous living do not make sense to him. Like Israel during the period of the Judges, every man does that which is right in his own eyes (Jdg 21:25). Sound familiar?

#### Is Your Vision Blurred?

We tend to see life through a good mirror, but our own lack of obedience to The Word skews our vision (Jas 1:21-25). We forget our eternal focus and get sidetracked with the stuff of life or with sensual desires. We let our own idolatrous desires rule, become double-minded (trying to see two worlds at once causes both to look blurry!), and miss the blessings God wants to lavish upon us (Jas 1:2-18). We still focus like a baby who sucks milk instead of like one who eats the meat of the Word (1Cor 3:1-3). We live under a cloud of guilt and shame (Isa 44:22) instead of experiencing His healing (Isa 58:8-11). The answer to this shortsighted confusion comes through progressive application of the Word in Sanctification (2Pe 1:3-11).

#### Is Your Vision Clear?

In order to be clear, we must focus our eyes on Jesus, getting rid of the earthly baggage that keeps us from wholeheartedly embracing the eternal values (Heb 12:1,2). What do you need to change in order to clear your vision? When we walk by the principles of God's Word in the fear of the Lord, we grow in wisdom and understanding, shining as bright lights to others in this dark and blind world, leading the way with clear vision (Php 2:15).

#### Examine Your Eyes:

1. What do you see?
2. What is your focus?
3. Are you nearsighted or farsighted?
4. Do you need corrective lenses?

#### Blurred:

Stuff on earth  
Self  
Temporal  
Yes!

#### Clear:

God & His Word  
God & others  
Eternal  
Keep up the good growth!

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