

## **Breakthrough in your vision**

### **Matthew 6:22-23**

vision = view of things

how you see it determines what you believe about something and how you behave

most trusted sense for humans is vision

most telling source of human emotions is the eyes - called the wells of the soul

most tragic situations come from obscured vision - 840,000 blind spot accidents a year

greatest airline accident of all times happened in the Canaries islands in 1977 when 2 747 jumbo jets collided in a dense fog while one was taking off and one was simply sitting on the runway

in our own state since 2008 there have been tragic pill ups on I10 and I75 causing the deaths of many people because of obscured vision

-what if your vision is obscured and reality is distorted and you do not even know it

### **1. Your vision is powerful**

-impacts all of you - your whole body is full of light

-transfer of light

most often called worldview now

-the eye determines what you see and therefore determines what you believe

-macular degeneration - capalaries in the retina breakdown and your vision is distorted

-cataracts cloud the vision

illustration: garden of eden and the tree

looking through colored glass

your vision creates your virtue

your vision creates our vice

your vision leads your morality

your vision leads your money

your vision leads you to your master - cant serve both

## 2. Your vision impacts your generosity

good or bad - is stingy or generous

Verses 22–23 have a general application: the eye is the window to the soul. You can often tell how things are with people by the message relayed through their eyes. Jealousy, prejudice, resentment, greed, lust—these are like films that can creep over the eye and distort the vision. All this is true. But the particular application of this image is to money. And it is not without significance that the words good (literally ‘single’) and bad often have a financial nuance in the Greek language. ‘Single’ means generous, open-hearted, warm. ‘Bad’ means miserly

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-when you have a bad eye then you have a envious eye

-the way you look at things determines what you see

the lamp of the body is the eye

the context is about possessions and what you value

envy:

**Proverbs 14:30: “A sound heart *is* life to the body, But envy *is* rottenness to the bones.”**

envy is behaving like mere men - 1 Cor. 3

Love does not envy

some preach out of envy

**Proverbs 27:4: “Wrath *is* cruel and anger a torrent, But who *is* able to stand before jealousy?”**

Cain and Abel

Saul and David

Jesus was crucified motivated by envy

**Matthew 27:18: “For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.”**

Paul faced it

**Acts 13:45: “But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.”**

Ananais and Sapphira

Satan envied the Lord

-when you envy you can not rejoice over someone else's blessing  
-you do not rejoice with the successes of others

### **3. Your vision inspires your future**

**\*the dark side of vision**

flawed eyes can doom you

**2 Corinthians 4:3–4: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 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.”**

**\*the beautiful side of vision**

your whole body is full of light

I was in the fourth grade when I needed glasses - I could not see anymore - I did not tell someone at first - rather, I squinted - eventually my teacher told my mom

no one likes to admit that they need glasses

The Twilight zone eighth episode - Henry Bemis, played by Burgess Meredith, was a book worm who worked as a bank teller - he loved to read an inordinate amount - his wife and boss told him - he took his lunch break in the bank vault so that he could read without interruption - when he opened the paper it said danger of a bomb being dropped - the bomb exploded - he emerged from the vault only to discover that every one was dead -

Finding himself totally alone in a shattered world with food to last him a lifetime but no one to share it with, Bemis succumbs to despair. As he prepares to commit suicide using a revolver he has found, Bemis sees the ruins of the public library in the distance. Investigating, he finds that the books are still intact and readable; all the books he could ever hope for are his for the reading, and (as he gazes upon a huge fallen face of a clock) learns that he has all the time in the world to read them without interruption.

His despair gone, Bemis contentedly sorts the books he looks forward to reading for years to come. Just as he bends down to pick up the first book, he stumbles, and his glasses fall off and shatter. In shock, he picks up the broken remains of the glasses he is virtually blind without, and says, "That's not fair. That's not fair at all. There was time now. There was all the time I

wanted...! *That's not fair!*", and bursts into tears, surrounded by books he now can never read.

when you absorb and

the priority of the eye

open your eyes - listen to the truth