



NORTHEAST MESSAGE NOTES

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"Perception"

20/20 What Do You See - Part 1

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A. The _____

Matthew 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, [a] your whole body will be full of light."

B. Descriptions of the eye in the _____

- First mention – _____ compensation, recompense for loss – **Exodus 21:24** "Eye for an eye..."
- _____ – **Job 17:7** "My eyes have grown dim with grief."
- _____ eye sight - **John 9:25b** "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"
- Mischievous _____ – **Proverbs 10:10** "Whoever winks maliciously causes grief."
- Seeking to see _____ – **Psalms 77:4** "You kept my eyes from closing."
- Christ's _____ – **Revelation 1:7** "Every eye will see him."

These, and many other references in Scripture, begin with the eye as the organ of physical sight, but they often are extended to express the _____ or _____ attitudes of those they describe.

C. _____ do you see?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

- What _____ us, can strengthen or change our perception.

1 Samuel 16:6-13 "When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one."¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David."

- God's sight is _____ than our perception.
- Our perception can _____ our attitude and our reaction.

2 Kings 6:17 And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see."

Our perception _____ be based on God's word and God's sight, not our own.

How to base our perception on God's _____

1. _____ your eyes on Jesus – Keep from looking to others for answers. Pray and seek God and rely on your relationship with Jesus to guide your perspective.
2. Get _____ His word – Reading stories of faith and how God delivered, supplied, healed and restored will change your perception to be more like God's.
3. _____ up your faith – Take action on His Word. Have faith that God can and will do for you.
4. _____ your perspective – Look at your situation from another angle. Don't base your life's view off of where you are standing. Place yourself in another angle and imagine God's viewpoint for you.

1 Corinthians 13:9,12 "For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."