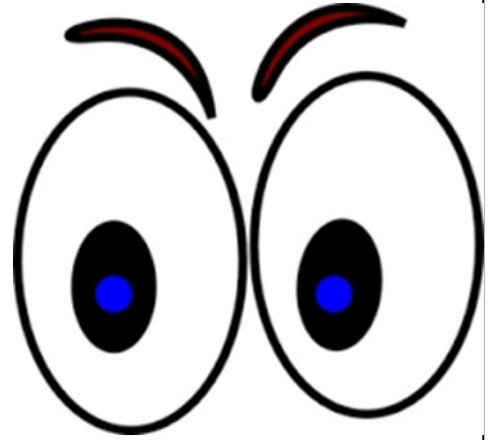


Eyesalve that you may see



In our final lesson, on *Blurry Vision*, having looked at a series of topics that cloud and obstruct our vision, we want to end on having the eyes that can see. Jesus told the disciples, "Blessed are your eyes because they see" (Mt 13:16). Forty-seven times in Revelation the word "saw" is found. John saw the Heavens. Another eight times in Revelation John is told, "I will show you." One of the grandest blessings found in all the Scriptures is, "and they shall see His face" (Rev 22:4).

A. The church at Laodicea had a serious vision problem (Rev 3:14-22)

1. An entire _____ can have blurry vision
2. They were lukewarm and they didn't _____ it
 - The Lord says that they were: wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked—and they didn't know it.
 - They had deceived themselves (Gal 6:7-8)
 - This is easy to do when we compare ourselves to others not as spiritual as we are

The serious consequence of blurry vision is that we do not see ourselves as God does

- The wealthy farmer did not know what _____ it was (Lk 12:18-21)
- Miscalculations results in _____ and _____ (Lk 14:27-33)
- Shocking _____ of being rejected (Mt 7:21-23)
- The failure to plan properly leads to total _____ (Mt 7:24-27)

3. The Laodiceans were told to acquire eyesalve or balm so they could see
 - Schools give tests to see how students are doing
 - Companies run audits and give quarterly reports to see how well they are doing

Based upon those findings, adjustments and changes are often made. If things are going well, there is a continuation of the same steps and progress.

4. Spiritually, we too often don't give much thought to how we are doing. Other than our attendance, little thought is given to whether or not we are lukewarm, blind or poor like the Laodiceans were.

2 Corinthians 13:5 "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?"

- the standard that we use must be the word of God
- one of the best ways to see how you are doing is to ask a series of questions

Spiritual Examination



- Y N
 1. Do I like how I am turning out? (Am I getting better or simply getting older?)
- Y N
 2. Would I like my kids to marry someone like me?
- Y N
 3. Would I like to have me as parent?
- Y N
 4. Am I obedient in the small things? (what about complaining? Gossip? White lies? Letting my light shine?)
- Y N
 5. Am I growing spiritually? (Do I understand the elementary principles of the Bible? Am I keeping up with Bible classes?)
- Y N
 6. Am I forgiving others?
- Y N
 7. Do I surround myself with the people of God?
- Y N
 8. Am I joyous? (Does anger, discontent, sorry characterize my life?)
- Y N
 9. Am I making a difference spiritually? (To my family? To this congregation? To those I am in contact with?)
- Y N
 10. Am I looking more and more like Jesus?

Do you need to make some adjustments? Do you need help?

- Modify your environment
- Remove distractions
- Have a plan
- Don't quit