

HOW'S YOUR EYESIGHT?

Matthew 6:22-23

(Not entirely original with me)'

Introduction: No doubt our eyesight can fool us at times. When we are tired or have something in our eyes, vision is not as it should be. Sometimes an illness causes us to see "double" or even blurred images and sadly, sometimes our vision is destroyed by disease, injury and old age. Speaking spiritually though, Jesus uses the eyes to represent the mind and people see two ways, "single vision" and "evil vision."

I. SINGLENES OF EYE

1. Jesus meant one's eye being "single" it was seeing things as they are and having the distinctness in giving the mind the correct information to what is being seen.
2. Singleness of eye sees supreme love to God.
3. Singleness of eye implies a selflessness love to God.
4. Singleness of eye implies a condition of complete consecration, focus on God.

II. EVILNESS OF EYE

1. Jesus speaks that an evil eye is one that sees more than one object and represents a selfish mind that has the intent of perhaps serving God as the means of obtaining one's own happiness, therefore a selfish eye.
2. An evil eye is one that leads the mind to focus upon self.

III. A SINGLENES OF EYE WILL BRING ABOUT KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH AND RESPONSIBILITY

1. Light, scripturally, means knowledge and truth and the person that has a single eye will be rightly instructed in all that he/she needs to now spiritually.
2. Singleness of eye brings about an honest interest.
3. Singleness of eye will cause one to earnestly ask and seek the truth.
4. Singleness of eye will find the right and best use of the knowledge found.
5. Singleness of eye will cause one to understand what has been spiritually seen.
6. Seeing single will not quench or resist interest in Godly matters.
7. Seeing single will cause one to obey what is revealed.

8. Seeing single causes one to be in the same state of mind of God and the Lord Jesus and understanding them will be natural.
9. Being of singleness of eye will make the teachings of the Bible clear.
10. Being of singleness of eye will create a great fellowship and power with God.

IV. AN EVILNESS OF EYE BRINGS DARKNESS AND DELUSION TO SPIRITUAL MATTERS

1. Scripturally, "darkness" means error and delusion and such is a selfish mind, full of error and delusion concerning spiritual matters. For "self" influences what is seen.
2. Darkness and delusion are the natural results of having an evilness of eye:
 - Selfishness prevents asking honest, diligent persistent questions.
 - It's hard to convince a person against his/her will, while some will believe almost anything which he/she wants to believe.
3. A person with evilness of eye has a selfish heart and will not live/practice the truth and cannot be a representative of what is spiritually true.
 - Such a person will not practice, therefore that person cannot learn.
4. Evilness of eye renders the Bible non understandable.
5. Evilness of eye causes one to take the scriptures directly opposite of what they actually mean.
6. A person of an evil eye, does not have the Holy Spirit to show his/her mind what is truth and therefore he/she will never understand God's Word as God intends.

CONCLUSION:

1. A leader who is of an evil eye is no more than a blind person trying to lead the blind.
2. If a person is not aware of being of a single eye, he/she cannot really dare to go forward on anything.
3. Churches and pastors of today are often divided in opinions because of some having an evil eye and therefore having a selfish attitude and spirit.
4. There are so many who have great confidence in their own opinions, whose minds are made up on some very important matters and are under the influence of selfishness and are called Christians.
5. So, are YOU of singleness of eye or are you of an evil eye? Which comes first in your life, the Lord Jesus and His Will or what YOU want to do?