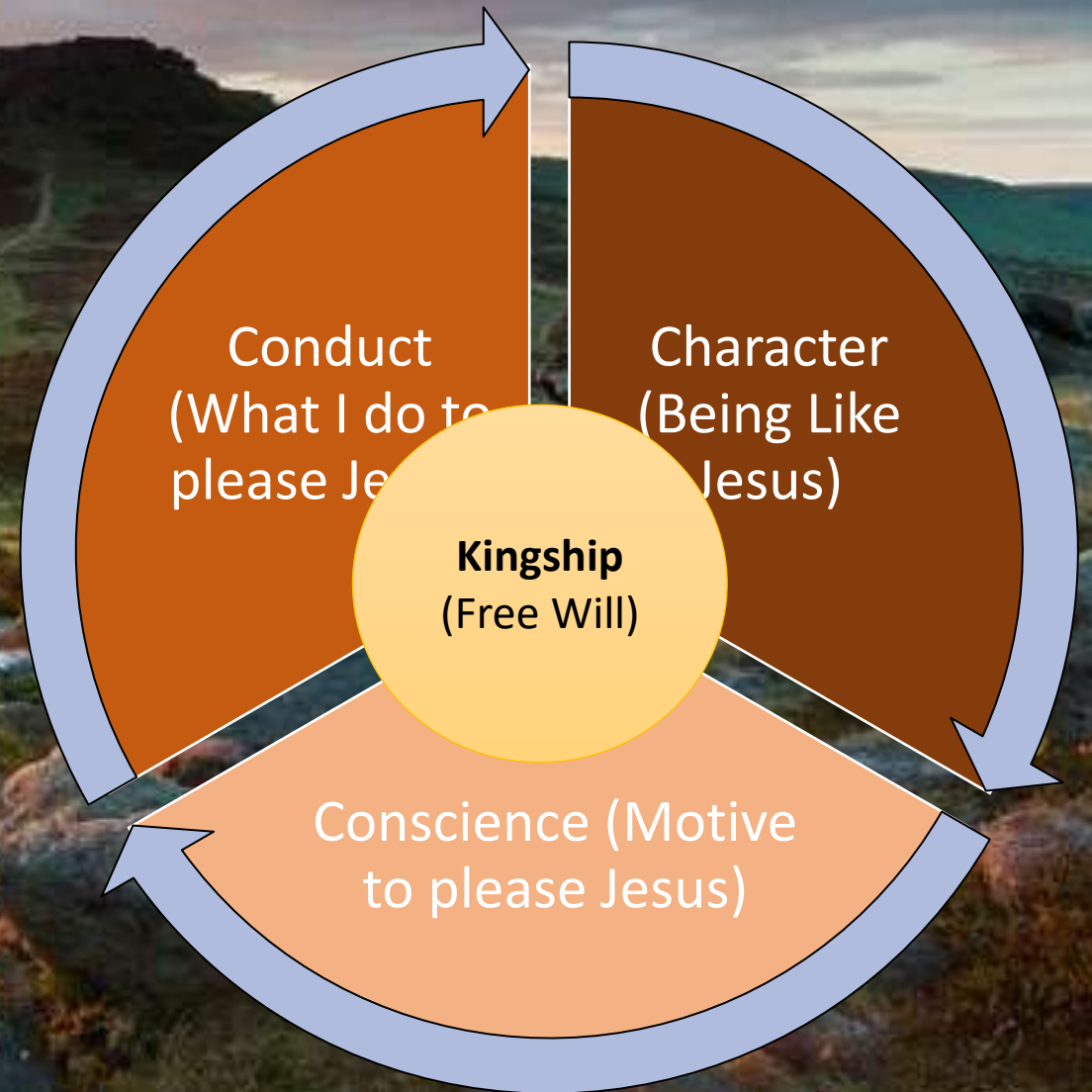


SERMON

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Week 15 – Seeing is wanting





Prayer Requests

Last Week

The treasures
of Earthly life
toward the
Heavenly!

- 1. Time** – earthy time to please God and dedicate to the eternal
- 2. Talent** – The free exercise of our gifts, our talents and our abilities for GOD
- 3. Treasure** – Our earthly possessions used for the furtherance of Love, Hope, Joy, Peace,
- 4. Temple** – The express care and responsibility for our bodies, the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- 5. Truth** – The study and understanding of the intent of God, the Bible
- 6. Thanks** - Our worship and praise is a treasure to be treasured

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What from this
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Eyes





Charles Spurgeon

The motive is the eye of the soul, and if it be clear, the whole character will be right; but if it be polluted, our whole being will become defiled. The eye of the understanding may also be here understood: if a man does not see things in a right light, he may live in sin and yet fancy that he is doing his duty.

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Lamp



What from this scripture
can we learn about a
lamp?

Lamp – Light – Candle - Lens

1st Century Medical care

1. Eyes were the windows to allow light to enter the body and MAKE the body healthy.
2. If you had good eyes you were healthy
3. Bad eyes you were unhealthy.
 - 1) You were dying
 - 2) The body was falling apart.



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Word Meaning

NASB NET & ESV

Healthy vs Unhealthy

KJV

Single

CSB

Good

Others

perfect, good, young, sincere

SQUEEZE GUT ALLE

Healthy

- What causes health?
- What is health?



EYE health

- Healthy – Unhealthy, Good – Bad, Clear -- Dark
- If the eye the is a lens that allows light in, is it the eye that is bad or good?
- Is the eye judged by the type of light it allows in?

Original language translation

- GREEK – *haplous*
 - *Single in purpose*
 - *Open and true*
 - *Without false hood*
 - *Sincere*
 - *Straight forward*
 - *Without a hidden agenda*

This spiritual eye or lens, allows light into the body to illuminate. It has a single, straight forward, sincere purpose.

“A single vision purpose”



Diploous

Double
vision

Diplopia



Define DARKNESS

- What things describe darkness?
- What are the dangers of darkness?
- Why are so many afraid of the darkness?
- What was the darkness that Jesus was preaching about?



Darkness – *OKOTOS* – *skot'-os*

- Darkness
 - Of eyesight or blindness
- Ignorance
 - Unknowing of the existence
 - Inability to see divine things, human duties
 - Blindness to ungodliness and immorality



Tonight's expanded translation

The illumination of the body is your lens. Therefore if your lens has a single vision, all your body will be full of illumination. But if your lens has double vision or distorted, then all your body will be full of ignorance. Therefore if the illumination that is in you is shadowing all you see, how great is that ignorance to reality !

Jesus intent for this section

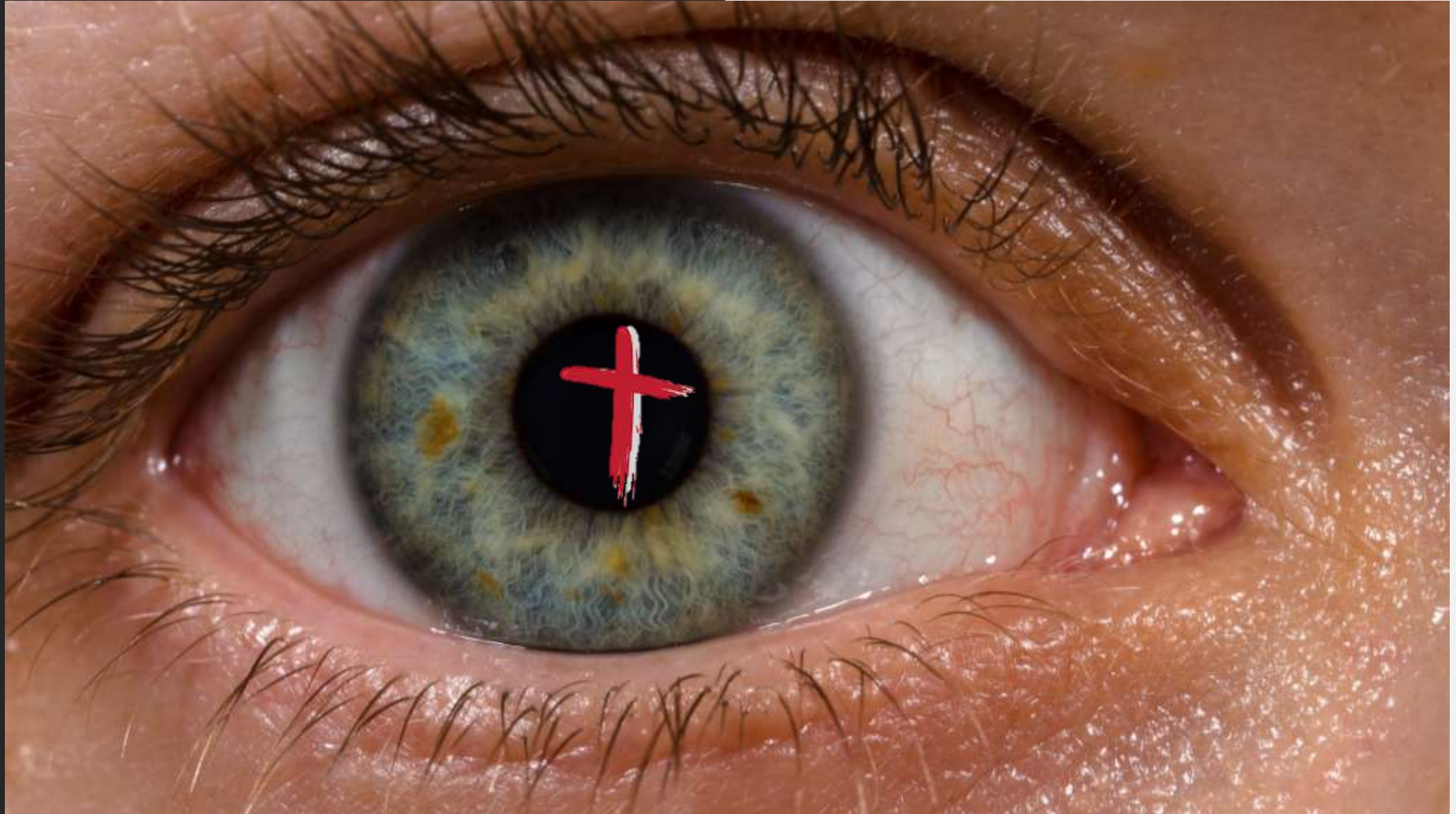
- What does bad eyes have to do with money?
- What does bad eyes have to do our freewill?
- What does bad eyes have to do with our character?
- What does bad eyes have to do with our conduct?
- What does bad eyes have to do with our conscience?



Matthew 20 – Workers in a vineyard

- Harvest was ripe. Had to get them off the vines
 - 1st group 6AM to 6PM – twelve hours for a denarii
 - 2nd group 9AM to 6PM – nine hours for a denarii
 - 3rd group Noon to 6PM – Six hours for a denarii
 - 4th group 5Pm to 6PM – One hour for a denarii
- All paid as was promised
- 12 hour workers grumbled
- Verse 15 in most versions is a paraphrase





Next week

Read	Read Matthew 6:24 every day as part of your devotions.
Make	Make an effort to allow only good things in to your lens of life.
Be	Be ready to discuss the difference between slave, servant, worker, follower.
Find	Find someone in your world who needs prayer for their family and do so
Start	Start each day before getting out of bed, thank God for the expectant hope of his promises
Set	Set your focus for each day next week with the idea of how to serve God in everything you do.