

THE EYE DOCTOR

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I haven't been to the eye doctor in years. However, it is becoming increasingly apparent that I may need some new glasses. A few years ago, I crossed over that 40 year old threshold when they say your vision begins to diminish a little more quickly. The biggest indicator that I need to keep my eye appointment is that I have to take my glasses off to see things up close. Are bifocals in my future? I hope not!

We all hope to see well. Truth be told, we often take our vision for granted. It is no different spiritually, is it?

Scripture constantly reminds people that they need to evaluate their vision with the goal of seeing God.

Matthew 5:8

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Jesus encouraged his follower's vision to be upon God's Kingdom.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Likewise, the Hebrew writer later talked about the importance of a Christian's focus being upon Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2

looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is precisely why conducting a spiritual vision check up is so important. If your vision is using the wrong lenses, focused on the wrong things, or if your attitude is askew, you won't be able to see God.

Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.'

How is your vision?