

# 'Eyeing' the unseen

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# Jeremiah 9:23-24

This is what the Lord says:

“Don’t let the wise boast in their wisdom,  
or the powerful boast in their power,  
or the rich boast in their riches.

But those who wish to boast  
should boast in this alone:

that they truly know me and understand that I am the Lord  
who demonstrates unfailing love  
and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth,  
and that I delight in these things.

I, the Lord, have spoken!

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# I John 2:15-17 Do Not Love This World

- Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ***For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.*** These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.
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# The attraction of the world

## .2 Timothy 4

.10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica;



# Focus and fix attention

- .We live with our focus not on the outer, natural man and those activities but on the inner person and live in this world from the inside out.*
  - .Our challenge is to fix our eyes on the unseen that's the eternal.*
  - .God is an invisible God and he wants us seeing that which is un-seeable with our natural eyes.*
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## 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet ***inwardly we are being renewed day by day***. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ***So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen***, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

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## 2 Kings 6:15-17

- .15** When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.
- .16** “Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”
- .17** And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.
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*Besides praying for 'open eyes,' what was one of Elisha's secrets to 'seeing the unseen?'*

.2 Kings 3:14-16 Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord Almighty lives, whom I serve, if I did not have respect for the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not pay any attention to you. But now bring me a harpist."

While the harpist was playing, the hand of the Lord came on Elisha and he said, "This is what the Lord says: I will fill this valley with pools of water."

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# New testament music enhances communication with God

## **.Colossians 3:16**

.Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## **.Hebrews 13:15**

.By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

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# Prayer with unceasing devotion

## • **I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

• Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

## • **Colossians 4:2**

• Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

## • **Jude 1:20-21**

• But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

• Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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# Fasting with prayer, also gives opportunity for God to speak

.Acts 10:9-11

.On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

.And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

.**And saw heaven opened**, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

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# We should live from the inside out

- **Romans 7:22**

- For in my inner being I delight in God's law

- **Romans 8:23**

- Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan **inwardly** as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

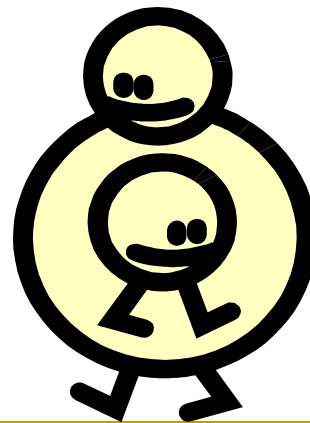
- **Matthew 7:15**

- "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but **inwardly** they are ferocious wolves.

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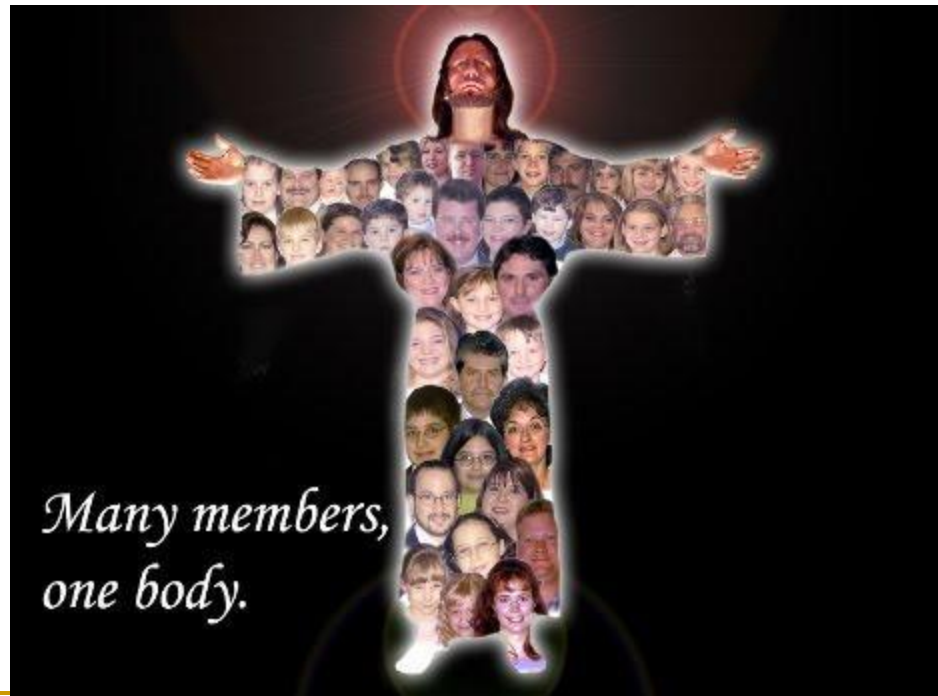
# Ephesians 3:16-17

- I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,



# I Corinthians 6:17

- But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.



# Brother Lawrence

- .In order to know God, we must often think of Him; and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him often, for our heart will be with our treasure.
  - .The time of business does not differ with me from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were on my knees.
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# Brother Lawrence

- We must do our business faithfully; without trouble or disquiet, recalling our mind to GOD mildly, and with tranquility, as often as we find it wandering from Him.
  - Let us think often that our only business in this life is to please God. Perhaps all besides is but folly and vanity.
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# Understanding our Inner being

*.Inner self is focused on by the Lord. Great worth to God, and is like a treasure and valuable.*

## **.I Peter 3**

.3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.  
4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

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# What are we 'EYEing', What are we focused on mentally?

- .Development of the inner is determined by the focus we give it. Like physical exercises the spiritual inner person is nurtured by spiritual disciplines.*
  - .Sometimes what is in our inner self is sometimes brought to the surface by what we face in this world. See James 1:2-3.*
  - .Remember Mary and Martha; Jesus said Mary had chosen the better part.*
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# Like Brother Lawrence and Paul, James, Jude, and Peter

- There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. Lawrence.
  - *Don't allow ourselves to be focused on vain empty things but 'Fix your eyes,' 'devote yourself,' 'attach yourself' to godly activities let you inner person be renewed day by day.*
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