



## Seeing with Clear Vision

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Jesus is the TRUTH and the WAY to the good LIFE.

1. Your eyes are the SOURCE of clear vision that benefits your whole body.

*Matthew 6:22*

Just as our EYE affects our whole body, so our AMBITION (where we fix our eyes) affects our whole life.

*Psalms 119:105*



2. Clear vision ENABLES all of who you are to function well.

*Matthew 6:22, Luke 12:15*

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3. Unclear vision IMPAIRS all of who you are.

*Matthew 6:23*



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*" . . . if our vision becomes clouded by the false gods of materialism, and we lose our sense of values, then our whole life is in darkness and we cannot see where we are going."*

– John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

1 John 2:15–17

### **How the world's desires oppose God and your love for Him:**

- The lust of the flesh – inappropriate affections for things that appeal to pleasures that you sense – **things you want to FEEL!**
- The lust of the eyes – inappropriate affections for things that capture your imagination and attention – **things you want to POSSESS!**
- The pride of life – inappropriate affections for self-reliance and esteem found in your accomplishments or abilities – **things that make you think you're AMAZING!**



Specifically, the “lust of the eyes” shifts your AFFECTIONS from recognizing that it’s all God’s and He’s entrusted you with some of His stuff to manage according to His priorities.

*Proverbs 28:22*

*“The person with a generous eye can see clearly, and life can be guided in wisdom and safety by such light. The person with a covetous, selfish eye is walking in darkness and is bound for harm he cannot see.” Poor perspective causes stumbling.”*

– Stuart K. Weber, *Matthew, vol. 1, Holman New Testament Commentary*

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