

Spiritual Superglue

by Ed Wrather

The sermon warns of the dangers of spiritual superglue, or lust, which can damage our spiritual life and blind us to God's light.

Scripture: Matthew 6:22, Ephesians 1:18, 2 Peter 2:14, 1 John 2:15

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Description

Ed Wrather emphasizes the importance of guarding our spiritual eyes against lust, comparing the damaging effects of lust to putting superglue in our physical eyes. He highlights how lust, whether for material possessions, power, or other desires, can blind us spiritually and hinder our relationship with God, as mentioned in Matthew 5:28 and 1 John 2:15-16. Wrather urges believers to be vigilant in protecting their spiritual eyes from the allure of lust, which can lead to significant spiritual harm.

Transcript

The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. (Matthew 6:22) But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:28) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life--is not of the Father but is of the world. (1 John 2:15-16)

An 81-year-old Buddhist monk in Thailand made a big mistake. He intended to put some eye drops in his eyes but instead of picking up the eye drops, he picked up a tube of superglue. Doctor's have used a solvent to dissolve the

glue in the monk's eye. A spokesman for Angthong Hospital said, "His eye is not damaged, the right eye can see clearly after the operation and the doctors said the left eye also is not damaged."

I am thankful that I keep the superglue in a separate area and cabinet from my eye drops! If I kept them together, I would probably be capable of gluing my eyes just like the monk.

The eyes that Jesus is speaking of in the Gospel of Matthew are our spiritual eyes. In Ephesians 1:18 the apostle Paul speaks of the "eyes of our understanding." However, it is sometimes translated as the "eyes of our heart." In 2 Peter 2:14 the apostle Peter makes this even more clear by saying, "having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin,

enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."

Although we would never think of putting superglue in our eyes there is something else that is just as dangerous to the "eyes of our heart." That spiritual superglue is lust. People do not just lust after the physical body of a woman or a man. There can be a lust for material things. There can be a lust for power, or fame, or even for the respect of others.

When we succumb, give in to lust, it is just as damaging spiritually as superglue is to our physical eyes. Lust blinds us spiritually. The "lamp" is turned off for the "eyes of our heart" when lust enters into our hearts. The spiritual superglue of lust affects every area of our spiritual life and there is nothing that will do more spiritual damage.

Lust can severely damage your spiritual life just as quickly as squirting some superglue into your eyes will severely damage them. Take good care of those eyes and remember Jesus says, "If therefore your eye is good, your

whole body will be full of light."

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