

# Is Your Eye Good or Evil

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of having a good eye, which brings light and clarity, and living according to God's most excellent way, while avoiding the consequences of an evil eye, which brings darkness and confusion.*

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**Scripture:** Matthew 5:3-6

**Topics:** "Inner Life"

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the power and impact of the sermon on the Mount, specifically Matthew 5, 6, and 7. The preacher highlights the importance of having a clear and good eye, which represents having a heart and mind filled with the light of God's truth. The sermon emphasizes that when the word of God is in us and the Holy Spirit illuminates his truths, we can see clearly and turn away from worldly desires. The preacher also shares a story about a young man who realizes that his soul can only be satisfied by Jesus, highlighting the importance of maintaining a clear spiritual vision.

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## Transcript

Now, you know that Matthew 5, 6 and 7 are the, that is known as the Sermon on the Mount. It is so powerful. Some words strike you like thunder.

You read and pray that God would change your life, that it would be according to the standard of the Lord's preaching, Matthew 5, 6 and 7. You must be dead if you are not moved by that heavenly standard. Matthew 6 from verse 22. The lamp of the body is the eye.

If therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness? No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other.

You cannot serve God and Mammon. We will read this far. What does this mean? That if your eye is evil, everything becomes dark.

And if your eye is good, that your whole body will be full of light. You see, if you have an evil eye, everything turns to darkness. So even though we have two eyes, when the Lord speaks as the eye, he of

course means your eyes.

One day, two men were walking along. They were walking on the same path. The one in the front walked easily and fast.

And for him, one could see it was easy, no big deal for him to walk fast. The one following had trouble. He would stumble over a rock and then almost stumble headlong.

And you could see that each step was difficult. What had made it to be so? Now, what was the cause? The one in the front, he also had the same obstacles and rocks and things on the way, but for him, it just seemed to be so easy to just step over them. But the one behind him, he kept on stumbling over each and every.

What was the cause? The reason was, the man in the front had good eyes and he could see everything. It was all light in front of him. And the whole path was lit up for him.

No stumbling, no hitting stones, it was no difficulty or pieces of wood not knocking into things. For he had a good eye. In other words, his eyes were good and full of light and so all that he saw was full of light.

And though he was faced with the same obstacles as the one behind him, he easily saw them and just went around them or over them. But the one behind, he bumped into everything along the way. And so, the cause was that his eye was good and so everything was full of light.

Now, the man behind him also had eyes. But he couldn't see properly. He was very, everything was dim in front of him.

And so, he couldn't see the things in front of him and as he got closer, he didn't recognize and see it properly and he just stumbled over it, whereas the one in front had seen it and walked around it or over it. You could say he had an evil eye, or he had a bad eye. Like the Lord Jesus said, if your eye is evil, it was because it was so dim, it was all so dark, he stumbled across everything on the path.

It was because it was so dim, it was all so dark, he couldn't see. Despite him having eyes, even though he had eyes, his eyes were very short sighted, he couldn't see much at all. I wonder whether things are full of light to you or whether things are not.

If your eye is good, you will be able to see to the point of saying, well, I can see easily, it's so obvious. But the person who has an evil eye, things are not obvious and they instead are a stumbling block to him. So some Christians have got eyes of an owl.

An owl is not very astute during the day and can't see so clearly when the sun is shining, but at night, the owl's eyes are extremely sharp. So that owl during the day, you'd think there's something sickly with it. It is just so haggard and has no life to it.

But at night, it wakes up with so full of energy, it's a completely new creature. Now sometimes an owl will fly during the day, but easily flies into things like into a branch or into a wall. Why? Because it's eyes are not full of light at the right time for light, instead it has an eye for darkness.

Now I've said some people have eyes like an owl's. The heavens and the glory and the shining, the brightness, they do not see. Even if they preach with fiery preaching, nothing penetrates.



We want to keep God's standard of holiness. A certain wife of a preacher who preaches the gospel said, if they engaged, she said to me, she gave me advice and she said, look, if your child is engaged, you need to give your daughter a contraception pill, lest she falls pregnant before they're married. Can you imagine the wife of a preacher of the gospel, telling a mother of a daughter, see to it that your child is on the pill now.

What kind of a life should I preach such nonsense? Never a thousand, 10,000 times. No, I preach the truth and I won't lie and be a hypocrite concerning those things. One lady said to me, no, everything is fine about what you preach, except when it comes to young people, you're depriving them of the joys of the youth when they can flirt around.

And it's so nice. And you should, should allow that. I said to her, well, it's probably because you don't have any children.

She said, no, I've got two daughters and I think it's a wonderful thing for them. It was shortly after that, that it was, we found that that lady, that mother of those children had fallen into adultery. That's the best time of our lives.

I don't know what to do with my life. I don't know what to do. I don't know what to do.

I don't know what to do. One person was saying, you know, our engagement time, which was two years, was so wonderful. We could visit each other.

It was even better then, than during marriage. And so it wasn't long after that, that their marriage went on the rocks. It was broken up.

They were divorced. It astonishes me that some parents don't see. And regarding their children, they think, no, it's alright if it's like that.

Well, they're blinded to it. It's because they don't walk on God's highway, the most excellent way. And so they allow their children to flirt around, to go out, to have these relationships.

And it's because they have, it's darkness. They have an evil eye. Jesus said, You cannot have two masters.

You can't follow both of them, for you'll either love the one and hate the other, or vice versa. You can try as much as you like. You can't combine and bring the devil and Satan together with God.

That's an impossibility. God and the devil don't go together. You hear? God and the devil, they don't go together.

And you'd like to make friends. You cannot. You'll love God and hate darkness.

Or you'll love darkness and hate God. Much more. There's much more that we could say about young people.

But just that verse alone, by visiting each other, being together, you are arousing something. Otherwise, you cannot see. You are blinded to the truth of it.

You cannot. There is an absolute difference between God and Satan. You cannot blend the two.

Evil and good cannot work together. Can I say it any more clearly? Or are you totally blinded? Remember, I'm not promoting a Sisa Bantu teaching or a Sisa Bantu way. It's the Word of God.

We're promoting His Word. His most excellent way. He has said this.

And so, you should do accordingly. The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

It will be absolutely clear. But consider. So, everything becomes light to the person who has light.

It's clear. So, you need to live in a way that there's such clarity with your testimony that everybody can see the obvious with you. And that is why we say we won't go down to lower the standard of God, what He has said in His Word.

We will rather say, you can go your way, you'll suffer your own consequences, but we're going to stick with the Word of God. So, I'm speaking. I pray that you will have a clear... ..light. And, Octave, I say, walk in this light.

Let everything be absolutely clear and bright. If I hear that you've been, during your engagement time, you've been in contact together, phoning each other, and this and that, I won't have anything to do with your marriage. Live in the light.

This light which is in God's church, the Lord Jesus, His people, they are full of light. Otherwise, you're excluding yourself. If you choose to have an evil eye, you'll go the way of darkness.

Kourbos. What's that, Kourbos? Now, Kourbos, look at Lena. Kourbos.

A certain boy who was going to marry a girl, said, well, look, we've got our marriage date all arranged, why don't we just go already to town and start choosing our furniture? And choose bedroom furniture. But he so regretted doing it, he said, that contact then, which they had, he said he suffered so much from it, from terrible, lustful and wicked thoughts, he said he was just defeated by it. He said, well, we engage, we're going to get married, there's nothing wrong with that.

We go and we buy some furniture, bedroom suite and what. And he says, after that, Hell was let loose after that. He said, I had no control over my thought life.

He said it spoiled everything. We need people with clear eyes. Not those that close their eyes or dim their eyes.

But those who will be the light to all people. If... If there was a... If we are to keep what the Lord is teaching here in His word, this most excellent way, you wouldn't have the AIDS problem. Both physically and spiritually, where people suffer spiritually because of not keeping His word.

Some have AIDS physically, but there are some who have spiritual AIDS because sin has just weakened them and defeated them. Let's pray. Lord, we've... Lord, we've heard you say how the eye is the lamp of the body and that if it's light, everything in the body becomes completely light.

But that if the eye... is dark, everything becomes dark and how great that darkness becomes. Lord, I pray that you would be gracious and give us sight. Use, Lord, your heavenly eye medicine to touch our eyes, those who don't see, so that they would walk in light and walk straight and not as people who are in total

darkness.

Amen.

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