

Unfiltered: Seeing God Clearly In A World Of Distortion

Part 1 ⇒ Navigating The Misinformation Age



We live in an age of misinformation, disinformation, and filters. And so, in a world where filters and distortions and fake news and misinformation and deep fakes are regular, expected and normalized, how can we know what is true? How can we know what is authentic or real when we interact with a person?

And most important, *how can we see God clearly?*

This is important because in God's Word, **CLEAR SIGHT comes before a CONFIDENT WALK**. You can't have a confident walk unless you have clear sight. *We need to clearly see all God has for us to be able to walk in all God has for us* ⇒ **Acts 3:1-10,16:**

"1 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him" 16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him."

1) Living A Limited Life Is A Real Thing...

👉 **v.2** ⇒ **"...a man who was lame..."** ⇒ There are many kinds of limitations:

- *Limited Mentally,*
- *Limited Emotionally,*
- *Limited Spiritually,*
- *Limited Financially,*
- *Limited By The Past,*
- *Limited By The Future,*
- *Limited In Our Potential*

👉 **"...lame from birth..."** ⇒ If you are "crippled" today in any area, you may need to go back to your early years and see if damage was done. **Parents Can Limit Us Or Permit Us:**

👉 **"Limit"** ⇒ Jabez ⇒ I Chronicles 4:9,10

👉 **"Limit"** ⇒ Jacob ⇒ Genesis 25:27-28; Genesis 27

👉 **"Permit"** ⇒ Timothy ⇒ 2 Timothy 1:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

👉 **"Limit" & "Permit"** ⇒ Benjamin ⇒ Genesis 35:16-19

👉 **"Limit" & "Permit"** ⇒ David ⇒ I Samuel 17 ⇒ Limited By His Brother, Permitted By His Father.

In What Ways Have You Been Limited or Given Permission In Your Early Years?

Limitations Received In My Early Years	Permission Given In My Early Years

- 👉 "...was carried..." ⇒ A **Limited Life** Leads To A **Dependent Life**.
- 👉 "...where he was put every day to beg..." ⇒ **Limited** People Feel Unable To Change Their Lives.
- 👉 "...he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple ..." ⇒ **Limited** People Often Look For Answers In The Wrong Places ⇒ Jeremiah 2:12-13; Isaiah 55:1-3.

2) We Are Limited Because Of Where We Look...

- 👉 **v.3** ⇒ "...he saw Peter and John about to enter..." ⇒ The **Limited Life** Breaks When We Begin To Look!
- 👉 "...he asked them for money..." ⇒ When you live a **limited life**, you take whatever you get! **But when you SEE, you no longer SETTLE.**
- 👉 **GAZE** ⇒ **v.4** ⇒ "...Peter said, 'Look at us...'" ⇒ In **v.3**, the lame man **glanced**. Now Peter told him to **gaze**: PAY ATTENTION & FOCUS. The Answer Was Right In Front Of Him, But He Couldn't ACCESS IT With A **Glance**. He Needed To **Gaze!** A peripheral glance will not solve a limited life, but only deep focus.

Insights About Sight:

- 🔑 Your **Look** Determines Your **Life!** Where You Look Determines **Where** You End Up; **How** You End Up; **What** You End Up **Doing**, and **Who** You End Up **With** ⇒ Matthew 6:22-23: "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness..."
- 🔑 2 Chronicles 32:7-8 ⇒ Every Situation Has 2 Realities: The **Natural & Spiritual...**
- 🔑 2 Corinthians 5:7 ⇒ We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight...
- 🔑 2 Kings 6:8-18 ⇒ "...Open His Eyes, Lord..." To See Spiritual Realities...
- 🔑 Hebrews 11:24-27 ⇒ Moses Endured By Seeing Him Who Is Invisible...
- 🔑 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ⇒ Problems Lose Their Power When We Look At What Is Unseen...
- 🔑 Hebrews 12:1-2 ⇒ Faith Is About Fixing Our Eyes On Jesus...
- 🔑 Psalms 121 ⇒ Lifting Our Eyes To He Who Is Our Help...
- 🔑 Isaiah 26:3-4 ⇒ God Keeps Us In Perfect Peace As We Focus On Him...

- 🔑 [Luke 9:62](#) ⇒ *The Christian Walk Is About Never **Looking “Back”**...*
- 🔑 [Colossians 3:1-4](#) ⇒ *Set Your Mind, Affection, & Focus On Things Above...*
- 🔑 [Matthew 14:22-33](#) ⇒ *Peter’s Fear Dissolved When He Looked At Jesus...*
- 🔑 [Matthew 9:29; Matthew 8:13](#) ⇒ *According To Your Faith, What You See, It Will Be Done To You!*

👉 **v.5** ⇒ **“...the man gave them his attention...”** ⇒ He went from a **GLANCE** to a **GAZE**. **Your Look Determines Your Life!** As he did, he received his healing ⇒ **Acts 3:16** ⇒ **Faith Enables You To Tap Into All God Has For You, and Gives You Power To Break The Limited Life!**

👉 **v.5** ⇒ **“...expecting to receive...”** ⇒ Faith is crucial to receive the power to break the **limited life** ⇒ [Matthew 9:29](#). **When you SEE, you no longer SETTLE. The Limited Life Breaks When We Begin To See What God Has Given Us: CLEAR SIGHT leads to a CONFIDENT WALK.**

3) Changing My Look Changes My Life!

👉 *When We See, We Walk! Looking Leads To Leaping! **When you SEE, you no longer SETTLE.** When you see what you really have, you no longer settle for what you got! The Limited Life Breaks When We Begin To See What God Has Given Us: CLEAR SIGHT leads to a CONFIDENT WALK. The Limited Life Breaks When We Begin To Look!*

👉 **You Have 6 Spiritual Senses That Mirror Your 6 Natural Senses:** When we were re-created at the new birth, God planted in us a brand-new spirit made in the image of God – [2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24; Colossians 3:10:](#)

- 1) *Hearing* ⇒ [John 10:27](#)
- 2) *Seeing* ⇒ [Matthew 5:8; Ephesians 1:15-23](#)
- 3) *Touch* ⇒ [Ephesians 5:18; Acts 1:8; Psalm 22:3](#)
- 4) *Smell* ⇒ [2 Corinthians 2:14-16; Ephesians 5:1,2](#)
- 5) *Taste* ⇒ [Psalm 34:8; Psalm 24:14](#)
- 6) *Your Inner Witness Which Mirrors Intuition* ⇒ [Acts 15:28; Romans 8:14-16; Hebrews 5:12-16](#)

Kevin Ochsner from Colombia University says:

“Our emotional responses ultimately flow out of our perspectives of the world, and if we can shift those perspectives, we shift our emotional responses”.

Regulating Your Limbic System (4 Things To See In 2024):

1. **God Is For Me And Not Against Me** ⇒ [Romans 8:31](#)
2. **God Is With Me And Has Not Abandoned Me** ⇒ [Hebrews 13:5-6; Isaiah 49:14-16](#)
3. **God Is Proud Of Me, and Not Ashamed Of Me** ⇒ [Matthew 3:13-17; John 17:23](#)
4. **In 2024, The Battle Is The Lord’s** ⇒ [2 Chronicles 20:15; Exodus 14:14; Romans 8:37](#)