



Clear Vision

The Resurrection Effect #4

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For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:20 (NASB)

Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Luke 6:42 (NASB)

God wants me to have "clear vision".

Clear vision requires focus!

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (NIV)

Focusing on THE resurrection enables me to see clearly...

1. Eternity.

Since we have that same spirit of^[c] faith, we also believe and therefore speak,¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ..¹⁸ 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.

2 Corinthians 4:13b-14, 18 (NIV)

See also: Ecc 3:11, John 3:16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2. What is insignificant in my life.

*The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. **Luke 8:14 (NIV)***

*Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **1 Peter 2:18-19 (NIV)***

3. What is significant in my life.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.¹⁸ 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.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NIV)

*The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. **1 John 2:17 (NIV)***