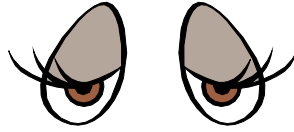




## HOW ARE YOUR EYES?



We have covered the lips, then the feet, we now return to your head and the EYES. Solomon has a whole lot to say about them. Let us first deal with “your own eyes.”

*All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits.* Proverbs 16:2  
and

*Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.* Proverbs 21:2

We may look at ourselves and think we are pretty good! Yet God looks at our hearts and spirits to see what kind of people we really are.

We not only see ourselves as being pure and right, but we see ourselves as being very wise. What about that?

*Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.* Proverbs 26:12  
*The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes Than seven men who can answer sensibly.* Proverbs 26:16

Well, if you think you are wise, Solomon says you are worse off than a fool, than a person who can give a sensible answer! So finally, as far as our “own eyes” are concerned, we will conclude with,

*The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.* Proverbs 12:15  
and

*Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and depart from evil.* Proverbs 3:7

We should, instead, fear the Lord and seek His counsel. Now, let us look (with our eyes) at the positive side. If you would like to be blessed, note that,

*He who has a generous eye will be blessed, For he gives of his bread to the poor.* Proverbs 22:9

You might as well be generous with what the Lord has trusted to you because if you try to keep it all for yourselves, Solomon says,  
*Hell and Destruction are never full; So the eyes of man are never satisfied.* Proverbs 27:20

Not only will we not be satisfied, it will be worse than that,  
*A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.* Proverbs 28:22

Even what you have will be lost. So, Solomon reiterates the right thing to do,  
*He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.* Proverbs 28:27

So, we are not to look at ourselves with our eyes, we are not to look away from the poor with our eyes, and we are not to look after riches. So, then, what good are our eyes?

*My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.* Proverbs 23:26

God gave us eyes that we might look upon Him and observe His Word.

*The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, And a good report makes the bones healthy.* Proverbs 15:30

When we look at Him and His Word, we have light in our eyes and rejoice. And, finally, if you like apples, then,

*Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye.* Proverbs 7:2

It is interesting to note that we are not only to keep our eyes on His Word, but we are to see it as being really good - the apple of our eyes!

Well, you can *look with your eyes* for more advice from Solomon next week.

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