

SPIRITUAL TASK —BLINDNESS (John 9)

Story In the story of the man born blind we learn of two types of blindness. First, being blind to what is true and right because we don't know any better. This is illustrated by the man born blind. Second, turning a blind eye to what is right and true so we can continue our bad habits without remorse. This is illustrated by the Pharisees, who claim to have clarity of sight, being referred to by the Lord as the blind. This is a picture of ignorance (innocence) vs. chosen ignorance (evil).

Meaning We all need to have our eyes opened to higher things. Truth from the Lord (saliva) mixed with the good of faith, or living that truth (clay) washes away the falsities that guide us into hurtful behaviors (washing in the pool of Siloam). This new way of living has the ability to both open our eyes for the first time to what is true (the blind man being given sight) and exposes the negative behavior that we have been indulging in (foiling the bad attitude of the Pharisees). In short, it strengthens and heals our faith.

Task This week take a truth from the Lord's Word (i.e. one of the Ten Commandments) and make it a living part of your week. Tape a copy of it up in places you will notice in your home, talk about it with your friend or spouse, ask yourself in the morning "In what ways can I better uphold this teaching today", at the end of the day reflect on how you did in keeping that teaching. Make that truth your cause for the week.