

Time for an Eye and Ear Check Up

Some of you reading this article probably need glasses to do so. Or at the very least you had to adjust how far the paper was from your face in order to get it into focus to read it properly with the correct background lighting. Eyesight is a miraculous thing when you stop and think about it.

You can see the amazing world around you through two small balls! On the other hand, I have met people who are blind to the physical world around them and yet can see on a deeper level.

They have the ability for various reasons not only to sense their physical environment and perceive what is happening, but, are more in tune to the spiritual dimensions of life as well. In prophetic literature is found a deep spiritual truth in this very real human experience, that while some people can see, they cannot perceive, just like while some people can hear physical noise and voices, they do not understand.

To see a painting hanging on a wall is different than perceiving what the painter meant to convey. This is why some people will laugh at art, even when it is truly beautiful. They are blind even though they can see.

Or why hearing your spouse complain about something deceptively trivial as the toothbrush being put in the wrong spot is different from understanding her cries for help and a marriage fracturing under the surface. We can be deaf even though we hear.

So, what's my point? I would suggest that if our lives are to have more meaning and purpose, we need to see and hear better. With that can come greater contentment, peace and oneness not only with the physical world, but also the one who created it.

Sometimes the problems we are going through are not because the world is against us, but because we are not really hearing or seeing what they are trying to say, particularly on a spiritual level through this journey called life. It's as if wisdom — real life wisdom you are longing for — is crying out to help you, but through the trials of life, you've become unaware.

A mature person not only sees but perceives. A truly whole person not only hears but understands.

Even the most religious of people can forget to get their eyes and ears checked.

So where do you start? Well, I would suggest it starts with a small but powerful prayer. Every day, whether out loud or quietly in my heart, I say this: "Lord Jesus, give

me eyes to see and ears to hear today so that I can learn and grow into the person you've called me to be.”

And in that my prayer is for the eyes of your heart, not just your face, would be opened to see and hear beneath the surface of life to the One who is calling out to you.