

“More to this than meets the eye”

Text Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)

22. “The eye is the lamp of the body.
If your eyes are **healthy** your whole body will be full of light.
 23. But if your eyes are **unhealthy** your whole body will be full of darkness.
If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!
- ❑ **What is Jesus communicated through these verses?**
 - ❑ At the most basic level it has something to do with our eyes **healthy** versus **unhealthy- light** versus **darkness**
 - ❑ Of course Jesus is not referring good sight versus bad / poor sight but something more profound that something got to with....?????

Healthy Eyes

Text Matthew 6:22 (NIV)



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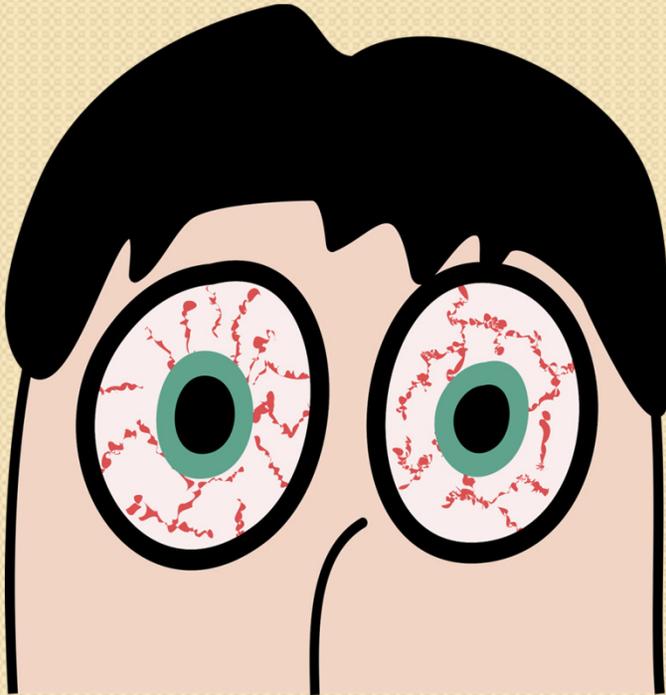
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If your eyes are **healthy** your whole body will be full of light?

- ✓ The Greek for *healthy* here implies **generous**
- ✓ The eye is the lamp of the body.' So if you have a 'good eye' [**that is, if you are generous**] your whole body will be full of light; **CJB**
- ✓ "The only source of light for the body is the eye. **If you look at people and want to help them**, you will be full of light **MSG**
- ✓ The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is **clear**, your whole body will be full of light **NASB**
- ✓ The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye, **be single** thy whole body shall be full of light. **AKJV**
- ✓ "If your eye is pure, there will be **sunshine** in your soul **TLB**

Unhealthy Eyes

Text Matthew 6:23 (NIV)



- **“ But if your eyes are unhealthy your whole body will be full of darkness.**

“More to this than meets the eye”

But if your eyes are **unhealthy** your whole body will be full of darkness?

✓ The Greek for *unhealthy* here implies *stingy*

- But if you look at people in **a selfish way**, you will be full of darkness. **ERV**
- If you live squinty-eyed in **greed** and **distrust**, your body is a dank cellar. **MSG**
- But if your eye is clouded with **evil thoughts** and **desires**, you are in deep spiritual darkness (**TLB**)



“More to this than meets the eye”

22. “The eye is the lamp of the body;
so if your eye is clear *[spiritually perceptive]*,
your whole body will be full of light
[benefiting from God’s precepts].
23. But if your eye is bad *[spiritually blind]*,
your whole body will be full of darkness
[devoid of God’s precepts].
So if the [very] light inside you
[your inner self, your heart, your conscience]
is darkness, how great *and* terrible is that darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23 (AMP)



Matthew 6:19-23 (NIV)

19. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
20. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
21. For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also.
22. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.
23. But if your eyes are unhealthy your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Getting to The Heart of the Matter

19. “Do not store up for yourselves *treasures on earth*, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

Uncertainty

20. But store up for yourselves *treasures in heaven*, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Certainty

21. For where your treasure is, there your **heart** will be also.

What do you treasure most?

22. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

Good Focus ?

23. But if your eyes are unhealthy your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

Bad-Focus ?

Matthew 6:19-23 (NIV)



Matthew 6:22-24 The Passion Translation

22. The eyes of your spirit allow **revelation-light** to enter into your being.
 - If your heart is **unclouded**, the light floods in!

23. *But if your eyes are focused on money* the light cannot penetrate and darkness takes **its place**.
 - How **profound** will be the **darkness** within you if the light of truth cannot enter!

Benefits of Good Eyes

- ✓ Clear Thinking in teaching
- ✓ Discernment
- ✓ Direction- God's Will
- ✓ A Sense of Duty
- ✓ A Sense of Dignity

The Effects of Bad Eyes

- ✗ **Double Minded**
- ✗ **Deception**
- ✗ **Disorder**
- ✗ **Denseness**
- ✗ **Dread**

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If then the light within you is darkness,
how great is that darkness! v22

- **Delusion – believing a lie**
- **Disillusionment**
- **Despair**
- **Disgrace**
- **Debauchery**

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- **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**

- ²³ Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

