

Seeing.....they do not see!

Psalm 119:105 Your word *is* a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.

Night lights! I like night lights in our house.....the reason for that is it only takes one time! Having to get up quickly or even just to check on a noise and you stub your toe on the corner of the coffee or you trip over a laundry basket that your kids left in the hall way. I am a big fan of night lights!

We also have a little kitty and she up and playing for about 10-20 mins at a time during the night not to encroach on her 20 hours of mandatory sleep that she needs. Little Ivy is all black but has one white whisker. And if you get up in the middle of the night....she's ready for you. To Pounce!

Darkness is not my friend nor should it be yours.

The title of the Christian living class is: **Seeing.....they do not see!**

Today we are going to look at this incredible blessing of being able to see the truth (God's Truth) and a way of life that works via God's instruction book...the Bible.

With the camp theme of Psalm 119:105 we see that **Gods word is a lamp!** It **gives understanding and direction to a way of life.**

As I said, I am a big fan of light. As I continue to get older, I notice I need more of it when doing simple things...like reading.

So lets start by reading.

Matthew 13:10

The Purpose of Parables

¹⁰ And the **disciples** came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

¹¹ He answered and said to them, "**Because it has been given to you to know the [a]mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.** ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance;

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but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ **Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.** ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says:

'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,

And seeing you will see and not perceive;

¹⁵ For the hearts of this people have grown dull.

Their ears are hard of hearing,

And their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with *their* eyes and hear with *their* ears,

Lest they should understand with *their* hearts and turn,

So that I ^[b] should heal them.'

¹⁶ **But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;**¹⁷ **for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**

Seek God with your whole heart!

What should we be seeking? Scripture? **Matthew 6:33**

We have been hearing about taking the path of light....my friends....you have the map in your hands! The instruction guide...The Bible! This Book and a close relationship with God the Father....is what we all need!

You have an incredible opportunity right before you! You understand and you comprehend the things that are being said and the examples you are seeing around you here at Teen Camp. **IT's a happy place with lots of excitement and activities.** We hope that you have a true separation from the world out while you're out here. **That you take this time to take in the fun as well as the lessons!** The camp theme is about God's word is a light and it gives understanding & direction.

Question for you all....**will you heed it?** Will you take hold of it? Will you incorporate it in your life from this point on?

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Because you can see! Will you follow?

Which path will you take?

After all we truly do live in a dark world....and as Mr. Monson made mention....things will get tough!

I was asked by a few here this week....if I would give another story about a time in my life that was similar to the last time when I went through Rescue Swimmer School training. I thought about it for a bit and then saw that painting

I looked at this painting....a beautiful painting....that brought back a memory of a time in my life....a time of training.

This training was the one of the hardest schools I had been through....it was the worst school and the best school.

This school was called SERE (Better known as POW training)

Day one – Seal partner, Apple, Tent with fire, and the final mission.

What are the lessons from this story:

The enemy lives in the darkness

They see in the darkness – we can't

Danger is all around us at all times – We are protected by God

If only we had the light, Map.....guidance!

Proverbs 3:5-6

**Proverbs 4:1-27 Hear, my children, the instruction of a father,
And give attention to know understanding;**

² For I give you good doctrine:

Do not forsake my law.

³ When I was my father's son,

Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother,

⁴ He also taught me, and said to me:

"Let your heart retain my words;

Keep my commands, and live.

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5 Get wisdom! Get understanding!

Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

6 Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you;

Love her, and she will keep you.

7 Wisdom is the principal thing;

Therefore get wisdom.

And in all your getting, get understanding.

8 Exalt her, and she will promote you;

She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.

9 She will place on your head an ornament of grace;

A crown of glory she will deliver to you.”

10 Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,

And the years of your life will be many.

11 I have taught you in the way of wisdom;

I have led you in right paths.

12 When you walk, your steps will not be hindered,

And when you run, you will not stumble.

13 Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go;

Keep her, for she is your life.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,

And do not walk in the way of evil.

15 Avoid it, do not travel on it;

Turn away from it and pass on.

16 For they do not sleep unless they have done evil;

And their sleep is ^[a]taken away unless they make *someone* fall.

17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,

And drink the wine of violence.

18 But the path of the just is like the shining ^[b]sun,

That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

19 The way of the wicked is like darkness;

They do not know what makes them stumble.

20 My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

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21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;

Keep them in the midst of your heart;

22 For they *are* life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

23 Keep your heart with all diligence,

For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

24 Put away from you a [c]deceitful mouth,

And put perverse lips far from you.

25 Let your eyes look straight ahead,

And your eyelids look right before you.

26 Ponder the path of your feet,

And let all your ways be established.

27 Do not turn to the right or the left;

Remove your foot from evil.

Teens of today's society....they don't see it. In fact if you gave them a Bible and told them about it and that it was the key and the map to a better life....they would most likely laugh at you.

Our move to Farmington and our friends in the neighborhood.

Psalm 18:28 For You will light my lamp;

The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

Sheldon Monson
path" (Psalm 119:105).

Theme: "Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light unto my

Jason Fritts

"Our Best Life"

Jonathon McNair

"Guardrails and God"

Dexter Wakefield

"Knowing God, Loving God and Learning from His Statutes"

Dr. Scott Winnail

"Darkness or Light: Which Path Will You Choose?"

Phil Sena

"Using God's Word to Light Your Path"

Mr. Wakefield mentioned this in his sermon and I wanted to review it again.

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John 12:35-36 ³⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “A little while longer the light is with you. **Walk** while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ **While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.**” These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

2 Peter 1:19-20 ¹⁹ **And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;** ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private ²¹ interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but ²² holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 28:24-27 ²⁴ And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. ²⁵ So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: “The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to ²⁶ our fathers, ²⁶ saying,

‘Go to this people and say:

“Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand;

And seeing you will see, and not perceive;

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Which path will you take?

Gen 49 and the blessings

Seeing God’s creation – like no other.....The ship, stars and majestic view.

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Your friends or co-workers may say.....man you are missing out. But seeing they do not see.....You thought have been blessed as God works with you to lead you to a better way of life....a way that works.

Seeing.....you do see! For the world.....seeing.....they do not see! Cherish this blessing! For you have a great opportunity before you!