



SPIRITUAL TUNNEL VISION

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TEXT: Mark 8:22-26

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever had trouble with your vision? The apostles did. The story in **Mark 8:22-26** is a turning point in John Mark's gospel account. The disciples were experiencing spiritual tunnel vision. They were not seeing the mission of Jesus or their own mission for God clearly. There are a few signs that we may be developing a similar spiritual tunnel vision.

DISCUSSION:

I. Passion Is Lost

Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 22:37

Revelation 2:4

II. Purity Is Compromised

Matthew 13:7

I Corinthians 15:33

I Timothy 6:6-12

III. Productivity Is Halted

Matthew 25:30

John 15:6

Galatians 5:22-23

IV. Potential Is Unfulfilled

Matthew 28:18-20

II Timothy 4:5

Hebrews 5:11-14

CONCLUSION: We have not arrived to our full level of maturity. We must open our eyes and press on toward our real goal (**Philippians 3:12-14**). Do you feel like your prayers are being hindered? Do you feel like you are easily distracted? Do you feel like something is missing? Do you know that you have room to improve? **WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO HAVE SPIRITUAL TUNNEL VISION!** We need to be focused, but we also need to be wise in seeing the things that usually remain unseen. Those unseen things are the foundation of our faith! Do you have faith? Do you have a strong faith? Let Jesus open your eyes so you can see clearly!!!

WORD OF THE DAY = "VISION"