

“WEEKLY WISDOM”  
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"THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO SETTLE FOREVER"

Luke 11:34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when *your eye* is bad, your body also *is* full of darkness.

When you look at the examples of light and darkness in the Bible it is rather obvious that darkness represents the things that we certainly do not want in our life, and light represents what we should all desire to have. God is light, and there is no darkness in Him (James 1:17). So who wouldn't want to have their life full of God? But a vital key to determining what our lives are full of has to do with our vision, what we actually have as a picture within.

The reference to the eye here in our foundation verse is primarily referring to our focus in life, our vision. When you have a focus or a vision of darkness you are going to experience that which comes with darkness. But when we have a vision of light we can and will experience the very goodness of God through His glory in our life. For this to happen our eye (vision) must be good. Let's define this word good from the Greek language and this will give us a better understanding of how to get a vision that will bring light.

The word good means single, healthy, or sound. If we have a healthy sound vision of ourselves, it will produce light. I like the word single because to have an eye that is single means you have one view of yourself and one focus in life. That focus is on God and what God say about you, and what God says is right or wrong for you. Those who have an eye that is bad have a divided focus and are not looking to God only for what He says. This is why James 1:7-8 tells us that a double-minded man is unstable in all their ways, and that they will receive nothing from the Lord. To receive from God one must walk in faith, not by sight. This is why when our eye is not good but divided we doubt God. How can we get an eye that is good? The Word of God has the answer. The Word of God is actually our answer, but there are three things that you need to settle once and for all in your life for this to happen. Here they are.

1. God's Word is true, therefore I believe the Word of God.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.  
Psa. 119:160 The entirety of Your word *is* truth,  
And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.

There are many verses of scripture that confirm what should be an obvious truth to any believer, that God's Word is true. In John 17 where Jesus was praying for His disciples He asked the Father to sanctify us by His truth. The word sanctify means to set apart. What is going to separate the believer from the darkness that is in this world? The truth of God's Word. Even though this is a very simple truth, many Christians are not living their lives based on this fact. If God's Word is true than why are so many believers being moved in their choices and what they do with their lives by circumstances, other people, and what they see around them not to mention personal experiences.

You see for a believer to get a single healthy vision you must settle forever the fact that God's Word is true. I have talked to many Christians who say they believe it is, but...then you here the reasons why it isn't working for them. Others believe God has let them down because they say they believed in God's Word, but it didn't work for them. Well someone is not telling the truth. Could it be that if God's Word is true then maybe it is something on our part that needs to be seen or changed? No matter what your experience has been, or what circumstances or other people may say, it does not nor will it ever change the "fact" that God's Word is still true. It didn't become true because we choose to believe it, it has been and always will be true.

2. God's Word is right, so just do what God's Word says.

Psa. 33:4 For the word of the LORD *is* right,  
And all His work *is done* in truth.

Psa. 33:10 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;  
He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect.

Psa. 33:11 The counsel of the LORD stands forever,  
The plans of His heart to all generations.

Another rather obvious truth but something that one needs to settle in their heart forever is that God's Word is right. As a pastor of 20 years I cannot tell you how many times I have had someone come to me with a problem in their personal life, marriage, children, job, etc., and I have gone time and again to God's Word and shown them exactly what scripture says to do and will work for them. Yet many continue to do their own thing claiming I don't understand their situation. Anytime we are not walking in what God has said it is because we are not doing what God said to do. It really isn't that hard but the hard part for many is simply they want to do things their own way. They don't want to change and do what God says. God's counsel stands forever. There is no better plan.

If for example you want an apple pie you go get a recipe for apple pie follow the directions and guess what the end result is? You got it, apple pie. You want pancakes, you follow the directions to make the batter and cook the pancakes and you get pancakes. Are you getting hungry yet?

You want some good old fashion ice tea you follow the directions to make ice tea and there you have it. God's Word has the directions to fix anything about your life that needs to be fixed, but if you want to get God's results you cannot add your own ways, nor take out of God's plans what He says. This is what many try to do. The best decision I ever made in my walk with God was to admit that God is a lot smarter than me and therefore I am going to do whatever His Word says. Don't forsake church, done. Learn to pray, growing in it all the time. Forgive, so be it. You must settle forever that God's Word is right, therefore someone has to be wrong.

3. God's Word is light, therefore I need to feed on His Word.

Psa. 119:130 The entrance of Your words gives light;  
It gives understanding to the simple.

Rom. 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom. 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Through the entrance of God's Word into our lives light comes. For us to get that light we must continually renew our minds to the Word of God. The main difference between those in the world who don't know God and those who do is that we the believer in Christ are to be walking by faith, not by sight. Worldly people walk by sight. To do this we must renew our minds for that Word to get entrance into our lives. Thus we need to feed on the Word of God continually. Sounds boring to many, they would rather sit in front of their T.V. and feed on sports and sitcoms. No one has to feed on God's Word, but neither do they have to have their life filled with light, they can have darkness instead. It's our choice.

The light of God is not going to come if we are feeding more on the things of this world than the things of God. This is a major problem in the American church. It's known as idolatry. Many in America have made a God to fit them. Even though what I am saying is totally backed up by the Word of God, many will choose to do their own thing which means that they are making a God that fits their lifestyle. They choose what is right and wrong. They choose their priorities in life. The unfortunate part is when difficulties and challenges come, they then wonder where is God? He is in the same place He has always been, but you can't change what God has established that works.

You can't change the law of gravity any more than you can change God, He does not change. This is not a bad thing this is a good thing. We don't from one day to the next have to figure out how God wants us to do things differently because His ways never change. His Word is always

true, and it will always bring light to those who desire to find it. You can become more and more filled with the light God has for your life. Simply start if you haven't already by settling in your heart forever these three things about God's Word and you are on your way to seeing more of God manifest in your life.