

What do you see?

There are many voices and illusions around us. What you see reveals a lot about you. What is your focus?

Optical Illusion: The First Thing You See Reveals A Lot About You. https://images.app.goo.gl/ G6LoZJ9dBbUP7vfS6 Yesterday, I spent the afternoon talking to a leader who is writing his final project for a Master's degree in leadership on the topic, "Finishing Well." The way you finish has a lot to do with what you see. What is the focus of your life? What do you see?

Upon reflection, I realized two things that laid the plumb line in my life. In my 20's I was influenced by the ministries of Corrie Ten Boom and Kathryn Kuhlman, who were strong in their 70's+. Next I vividly remember a time when the Lord asked me this question: "What do you want to be a comet or a star?" I chose star!

John 8:1-10 is the story about a woman who was victimized in order to entrap Jesus. Instead of defending himself, he challenged his accusers by saying, "He who is without sin, let him cast the first stone" and then writing in the dust. The illusion of their virtuous, religious lives was shredded. The accused woman looked up and saw **only Jesus.** He was her focus, her champion, her Savior! Recently, the Spirit whispered to me, "Focus on Jesus!"

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He shall be like a tree planted by streams of water that yield its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither, in all he does he prospers. Psalms 1:3

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Today, we live in a Hall of Mirrors where illusions and chaos surround us. So many voices sounding off - truth is trampled in the mud of social media. Many so-called Christians are entrapped. Their lives are focused on the latest media gossip. My word to you is, "Wake up! Don't buy into it. Focus on Jesus." (Hebrews 12:2)

Begin the day with Jesus. Put all your gadgets away. Rest and look up into the eyes of Jesus. He is waiting for you. Focus on him. Comets are a flash in the pan! Become a star! Shining brightly and reflecting the glory of God. Be a point of stability and strength.

Opportunities and Options

The challenge is to discern and choose "The Best over the Good." Here are some opportunities, I have chosen to embrace.

- ✦ Teaching a Bible Study group on prayer here where I live.
- ✤ Fulfilling opportunities to teach on podcasts and Zoom
- ✤ In the fall I'll start a series on "Lessons from Biblical Women" on FB Live. I'll update you and look forward to seeing you.
- ♦ Praying for and blessing Foursquare pastors and older saints
- ◆ Praying for this region where I live and inviting the kingdom

I receive emails and requests for prayer from so many who are in the war zone. Is this where you are living too? The enemy is very busy trying to get us out of focus, to be "double-minded," to let fear rule instead of faith. We must stand strong! I am not exempt from the battle and would appreciate your prayers! Remember, the ultimate weapon in spiritual warfare is prayer (Ephesians 6:18).

Amazed!

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