

## Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.



## “Good eyes or bad eyes?”

**Review:** *Luke 11-a study in contrasts:*

The persistent friend and the grumpy neighbor (v. 5-8)

The fallen father and the perfect Father (v. 11-13).

The strong man and the Stronger Man (v. 14-26).

Those who just hear the word and those who hear the word and keep it (v. 27-28).

Those who seek a sign and those who have genuine faith (v. 29-32).

Those who have an evil eye and those who have a good eye (v. 33-36).

### Luke 11:33-36 (NKJV); **The Lamp of the Body**

<sup>33</sup> “No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts *it* in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup> If then your whole body *is* full of light, having no part dark, *the* whole *body* will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”

## Do you have good eyes or bad eyes?

### 4 Luminous Lessons about Light...

#### 1. Light is meant to be b\_\_\_\_\_ not b\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 33).

- Light was never created to be hidden in darkness.
- The Kingdom of God has no openings for "Secret Service Saints."
- That those who come in—When people come into contact with you, do they see the light of Christ shining in the home of your heart?

**Challenge:** Each one reach one. I am challenging every person who considers this church to be their home church to do this: Invite someone to church next Sunday. Offer to take them out to lunch. Here's a helpful strategy—**B.L.E.S.S.**

**B**-Begin with p\_\_\_\_\_. Pray daily for this person.

**L**-Listen to their h\_\_\_\_\_. Ask really good questions and seek to get to their heart.

**E**-E\_\_\_\_\_ together. It is amazing what happens when you invite someone to eat out with you and your family.

**S**-S\_\_\_\_\_ them. After you have spent time with them, find out how you can serve them.

**S**-S\_\_\_\_\_ the Good News of Jesus Christ with them. Win the right to be heard and then share the greatest message of all time—the Gospel!

#### 2. How you see the world will determine whether your life is luminously l\_\_\_\_\_ or dimly d\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 34).

- The light of the body is the eye. What is a *good eye* and what is a *bad eye*?
  - 1) A good eye=one who sees the world from God's perspective—that which has lasting value and worth; generous.
  - 2) A bad eye=one who sees the world from man's perspective—a focus on wealth without generosity; living for the present moment with no consideration to the eternal; stingy, greedy, and selfish.

**Cross references**—Matthew 6:22-23—used in the context of laying up treasures in heaven and not serving two masters (God and money).

Matthew 20:1-16—the Parable of the Vineyard Workers. Master said that the laborers who complained about his generosity had an “evil eye” because he was generous (good) (v. 15).

**Scripture Insight:** A bad eye- “It refers to an eye that cannot see the beauty of grace. It cannot see the brightness of generosity. It cannot see unexpected blessing to others as a precious treasure. It is an eye that is blind to what is truly beautiful and bright and precious and God-like. It is a worldly eye. It sees money and material reward as more to be desired than a beautiful display of free, gracious, God-like generosity.”<sup>1</sup>

- Jesus is the light-when He moves in---your whole world should be flooded and filled with the glory of heaven, not the gloom of this world.

**Scripture Insight:** eyes are healthy ... unhealthy. Jewish people sometimes spoke of a “good” eye as a generous one, and an “evil” (lit. “unhealthy”) eye as a stingy one.<sup>2</sup>

### 3. Be careful that your lavish I \_\_\_\_\_ never fades into desperate d \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 35).

- Take heed—for the shiny Saints out there, Dr. Luke has a warning: Watch out, because it is easy for your light to grow dim.
- The light in you...is darkness. What's inside of you?

#### 5 light vandals to watch out for:

- 1) The f \_\_\_\_\_ (the sarx)-fallen, sinful old nature
- 2) Lack of d \_\_\_\_\_—not living what you already know
- 3) E \_\_\_\_\_ - can cause your light to grow dim
- 4) U \_\_\_\_\_ can hinder your light
- 5) Negative, toxic a \_\_\_\_\_

Philippians 2:14-16a: <sup>14</sup> Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of

<sup>1</sup> Quote from John Piper.

<sup>2</sup> Quote from NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible.

a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world ,  
<sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life....

4. The more your light g\_\_\_\_\_, the more your life will be refreshingly r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 36).

- The goal: Your entire self to be filled with fulness of light.

**Scripture Insight:** your whole body is full of light: A person can become like light, a living picture of what God's Word teaches, by concentrating on the light of the truth.<sup>3</sup>

Matthew 5:14-16; <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**Christ Connection:** Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12). If you want your life to shine brightly, make sure that Jesus is living His life through you every day.

**Sermon in a Sentence:** This bright light of mine, I'm going to let it shine to all in my world.



**Action Steps:**

1. **Tell** someone about Jesus this week.
2. **Invite** someone to church with you next Sunday—bring a friend day!
3. **Repent** of any dark areas in your life that is covering up the light of Christ in your life.

**Make a decision this week?** Please let us know on your [Connection Card](#).

**Preview for next Sunday:** “Living from the Inside Out” from Luke 11:37-54.

<sup>3</sup> Quote from Thomas Nelson Study Bible.