Principles to Live By 4-7-24

In order to see clearly, we have to focus our eyes attention upon the task at hand.

Distracted Driving is responsible for 26,004 deaths Nationwide in 2020

In Michigan 14236 crashes involving distracted drivers of which 48 were fatalities in 2020

According to NHTSA

We don’t know the figures for injuries, mishaps, wrong choices or service without worship among Christians. But distracted Believers are a big problem within Christendom.

* Distracted Christians live Dangerous Lives and often Crash and Burn

Mt 6:19-34

19“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

* The Eyes Have It (the eye is a gate that allows things an entrance)

22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

The saying……He or she has an eye for……. You fill in the blank…

Luke 24:45 45And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Acts 9:17-19 17And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Mt. 6:24“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

25“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28“So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

31“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

* Principle #1 to Live By (Keeping our eye on the Prize)

33But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Question: What is your Prize? treasure

Col 3:1-4 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Beachhead……WWII Eph 4:17-32 entertaining these sins, gives place to the devil

Who uses them to establish a beachhead to overcome and conquer you and I through the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. 1 John 2:15-17

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble

* The eye is only one of the gates, or principles to live by, which things enter through. What are you allowing through the gate?