# WOULD WE BE BETTER OFF BLIND?

From the beginning, Eve knew of God's law not to eat fruit from the tree of knowledge. Yes, she was tempted by the serpent, but it was her "seeing" the fruit that made her sin. Her "seeing" led to the desire, creating a physiological need to eat the fruit from the tree, regardless of knowing the truth. One could then believe that "seeing" is the root of all evil. The Bible presents many accounts in scripture indicating that "seeing" can indeed lead to sin, especially when it involves knowingly looking at and being drawn into wrongdoing by the vision of what is believed to be seen.

What we see can and will have an influence on our doings and our spiritual state. "Seeing" can blind us from the truth, making us believe a lie as truth. "Seeing" something often leads to desiring it which becomes the first step towards committing sin. "Seeing" sin and not confronting it is a form of spiritual compromise, and many times can obscure our ability to see God's truth and His promise to us.

So, are we better off being blind? Maybe, but being aware that our "seeing" can and will lead to sin, there are ways in scripture to guard us against sin through "seeing":

**Psalm 119:18** *"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."*

**Psalm 146:8** *"the Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous."*

**Acts 26:18** *"to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me."*

**Isaiah 42:16** *"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;"*

**Matthew 13:16** *"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear."*

**John 9:25** *"Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"*

So, yes, "seeing" can lead to sin if it involves desire, approval, or complicity. The Bible also teaches that sin can blind us to the truth. The key is for us to see sin with spiritual discernment, respond with prayer and truth, and guard our own hearts so that what we are "seeing" leads us toward God's light, rather than away from it.

Amen.