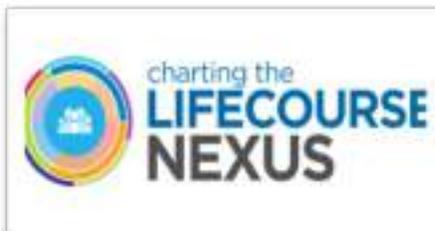




ABLED was started by people who gave a lot of their time and attention to a person named Andrew Tagart. Andrew lived with developmental disabilities his entire earthly life until the moment he transitioned into the realm of the Most High on October 7, 2012. During his stay on earth there were good days and bad days, as to be expected for anyone here, but there always remained an unbreakable love that cemented a commitment to see Andrew live the best possible life he could - this meant to live the best possible life he had a say in. That commitment to provide a higher quality of life is alive forevermore today and is a guide for ABLED. This is what Jesus who said, "I have come so that they may have life, and have it abundantly" was, is, and will always be about; this is what ABLED Inc. strives to be about. We believe that participants of the services provided by the HCBS Waiver are not a means to an end, but are ends in themselves whose lives are worthy of pouring time and resources into.

ABLED is very pleased to see our partners at DHHS take the steps to promote quality of life for participants by implementing the Charting the LifeCourse framework to continue our shared commitment in caring for the whole person. Through this framework, participants will be helped in developing a vision for a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. There are three LifeCourse Foundational Tools that DHHS is training on that Service Coordination will begin implementing starting in July. In the days ahead, Service Coordination will begin asking participants and/or guardians to choose one of the tools provided by the LifeCourse and will work with them to complete it. We are looking forward to seeing how this process will enable people living with disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaning full lives in their communities! To the honor of our Creator!



*Thank You* for joining us in our mission!

"Serving Jesus Christ by enabling people with developmental disabilities to creatively explore and live full meaningful lives in their communities"

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## FEEDBACK

We want to make ABLED the best agency. Please use the link at the top of this email to let us know how we're doing and provide suggestions. Your survey comments are anonymous, unless you choose to submit your name.

You may also contact us by phone, email, mail or on our website at [www.abledinc.com](http://www.abledinc.com).

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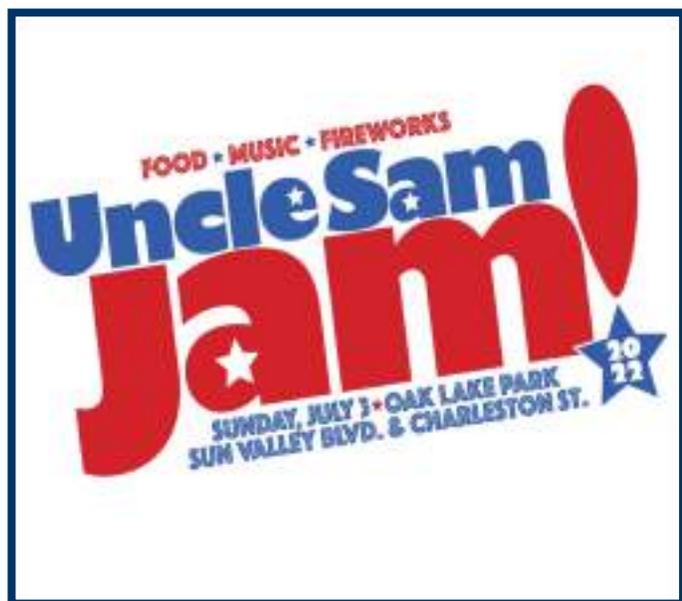
ABLED is hosting an event for participants, guardians, and staff on June 29th from 11am-1pm @ Holmes Lake Park (shelter 3 by the volleyball courts)

Foods provided: Hot dogs, chips, and ice cream

Drinks provided: Water and Gatorade

*Guardians can RSVP by emailing:  
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## NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS



### UNCLE SAM JAM

Enjoy a free concert provided by the City of Lincoln to celebrate our nation's independence!

- July 3rd @ Oak Lake Park, 4:00pm-10:30pm
- Food vendors open at 4:00pm
- Live music, featuring Soul Dawg, starts at 6:15pm
- Fireworks displays starts at 10:00pm
- Ample parking available at Oak Lake Park and the surrounding area. Additional parking at Downtown garages with StarTran providing free public shuttle bus services from 5:00pm to 1:00pm

### TANK 'N TUBES RIVER RIDES

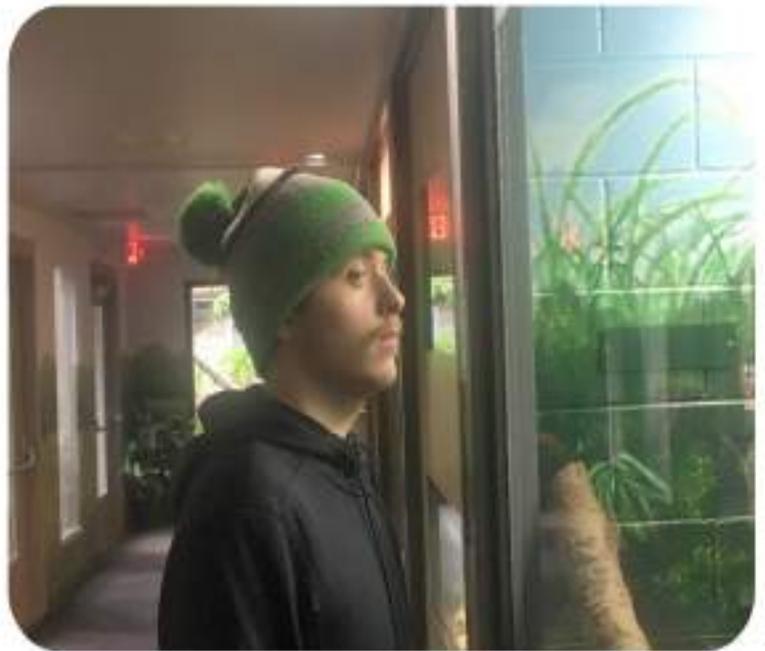
As the saying goes, "Nebraska is not for everyone." That is unless you enjoy hopping into a livestock watering tank with friends and family and floating down a river - or a tube if you prefer. Experience the beauty of the Elkhorn River Valley with Tank 'n Tube River Rides. For more information visit [tankntube.com](http://tankntube.com)



### JAZZ IN JUNE

University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Jazz in June concerts continue every Tuesday for the rest of June at the Sheldon Sculpture Garden. The free concert series will feature two sets of music from 7:00-7:45pm and 8:00pm-8:45pm. Food and drink will be offered from 5:00pm-9:00pm. For more information check out [jazzinjune.com](http://jazzinjune.com)

Visit [lincoln.org](http://lincoln.org) and [visitnebraska.com](http://visitnebraska.com) to discover more events taking place in and around the city of Lincoln.



MAY 25th ABLED  
EVENT AT THE  
LINCOLN ZOO





**"It's about the journey  
- mine and yours - and  
the lives we can touch,  
the legacy we can  
leave, and the world  
we can change for the  
better."  
- Tony Dungy**





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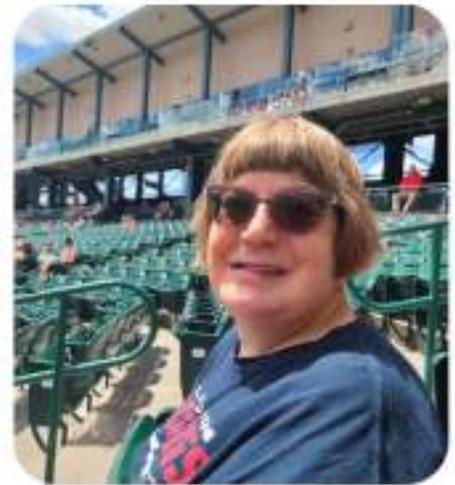
**BE CONFIDENT.**

**LEARN SKILLS.**

**HAVE FUN!**



On June 8th, participants and staff were invited to the Haymarket Park to see the Lincoln Saltdogs take on the Chicago Dogs.



It was perfect weather for some baseball and concessions!

# The Eye Is the Lamp of the Body

A Meditation on Matthew 6:19-24

by Pastor John Piper

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*Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **22** The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, **23** but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! **24** No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.*

Sandwiched between the command to lay up treasures in heaven (6:19-21) and the warning that you can't serve God and money (6:24) are the strange words about the eye being the lamp of the body. If the eye is good (literally: "single"), the whole body will be full of light. But if the eye is bad, the body will be full of darkness. In other words: How you see reality determines whether you are in the dark or not.

Now why is this saying about the good and bad eye sandwiched between two teachings on money? I think it's because the specific thing about seeing that shows the eye is good is how it sees God in relation to money and all it can buy. That's the issue on either side of the sandwich meat. In 6:19-21 the issue is: you should desire heaven-reward not earth-reward. Which, in short, means: desire God not money. In 6:24 the issue is whether you can serve two masters. Answer: You cannot serve God and money.

This is a double description of light! If you are laying up treasures in heaven not earth, you are walking in the light. If you are serving God not money, you are walking in the light.

Between these two descriptions of the light Jesus says that the eye is the lamp of the body and that a good eye produces a fullness of this light. So what is the good eye that gives so much light and the bad eye that leaves us in the dark?

One clue is found in **Matthew 20:15**. Jesus has just said, in a parable, that men who worked one hour will be paid the same as those who worked all day, because the master is merciful, and besides, they all agreed to their wage. Those who worked all day grumbled that the men who worked one hour were paid too much. Jesus responded with the words found here in **Matthew 6:23**, "Is your eye bad because I am good?"

What is bad about their eye? What's bad is that their eye does not see the mercy of the

master as beautiful. They see it as ugly. They don't see reality for what it is. They do not have an eye that can see mercy as more precious than money.

Now bring that understanding of the "bad eye" back to Matthew 6:23 and let it determine the meaning of the "good eye." What would the good eye be that fills us with light? It would be an eye that sees the Master's generosity as more precious than money. *The good eye sees God and his ways as the great Treasure in life, not money.*

You have a good eye if you look on heaven and love to maximize the reward of God's fellowship there. You have a good eye if you look at Master-money and Master-God and see Master-God as infinitely more valuable. In other words, a "good eye" is a valuing eye, a discerning eye, a treasuring eye. It doesn't just see facts about money and God. It doesn't just perceive what is true and false. It sees beauty and ugliness, it senses value and worthlessness, it discerns what is really desirable and what is undesirable. The seeing of the good eye is not neutral. When it sees God, it sees God-as-beautiful. It sees God-as-desirable.

That is why the good eye leads to the way of light: laying up treasures in heaven, and serving God not money. The good eye is a single eye. It has one Treasure. God. When that happens in your life, you are full of light.

