

Introduction:

As one gets older how we say things change. For instance, a baby is one month old, 6 months old, 18 months old, etc. Then we speak in terms of 5 and half years old, or almost 7. Then it is years such as thirty, 40 ,50, etc. Some place along the line we go back to years and months, 85 and half years. If we live long enough it becomes what we will be such as almost 90. The same for our bodies as a younger person speaks in terms of right and left. But when you get older we might start speaking in terms of good or bad. Such as my good hand or bad hand, good ear/bad ear, etc. This got me to thinking of this in Biblical terms.

I) Eyes

A) Bad Eyes

1. Bible speaks of the evil eye.

Deuteronomy 15:9 "Beware lest there be a wicked thought in your heart, saying, 'The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand,' and your eye be evil against your poor brother and you give him nothing, and he cry out to the LORD against you, and it become sin among you.

2. An eye who sees a brother in need and withhold helping him.
3. A person who looks at shiny things and that is all they see.

Proverbs 28:22 ***A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.***

- a. Similar to what is said in ***1 Timothy 6***

1 Timothy 6:9 ***But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.***

4. Perhaps the worse is the eye which will not see (note I did not say cannot see but will not see. **Self-blindness crippled the Jewish leaders so they could not see Jesus as the Son of God.**
5. An evil eye comes from within.

Mark 7:21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.*

B) Good eye

1. Sees what is in front of it accurately.

Psalms 119:18 *Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.*

2. Some could see Jesus while others could not.

Matthew 13:16a *"But blessed are your eyes for they see,*

3. We have miracles recorded where Jesus opened the eyes of the blind. Spiritually He came to give light to those who were blinded by sin and ignorance.

II) Ears

A) Bad ear is hard of hearing

1. Sometimes there is a distinction between hard of hearing and refusing to listen.
 - a. For instance a person may be hard of hearing but they are paying attention and trying to listen.
 - b. Whereas, a person may be preoccupied, they could literally hear what was said but their mind was some where else.
2. For instance, idols can not see or hear.

Psalms 115:5 *They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but*

they do not see; 6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell;

3. People can be just like those dumb idols. They have ears but they do not hear what is being said.

Matthew 13:15 *For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'*

B) Good ears are open and listening.

1. Jesus called on those near by to listen. Listening is a choice.

Matthew 11:15 *"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"*

2. Those who are willing to listen to the Gospel will be blessed.

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

III) Hands

A) Bad hands

1. Sheds innocent blood.

Proverbs 6:17 *Hands that shed innocent blood,*

- a. Another way of saying murderers.
- b. Think of Jezebel when she had Naboth killed.
2. A lot of sins are committed with the hands. Stealing, making false images, striking someone, etc.

Matthew 5:30 *"And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.*

3. Paul warns Timothy

1 Timothy 5:21 *I charge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elect angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. 22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.*

B) Good hands

1. Are busy hands, busy at doing good.

Psalms 104:28 *What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.*

2. Involved in working to provide for one's family.

1 Thessalonians 4:11 *that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,*

3. Are described as being "holy hands"

1 Timothy 2:8 *I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;*

- a. lives dedicated to serving God
- b. Cleansed hands.

James 4:8 *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

IV) Feet (Foot)

A) Bad

1. Running toward sin.

Proverbs 1:16 *For their feet run to evil, And they make haste to shed blood.*

2. Some people always seem to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Romans 3:15 *"Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

3. One place I preached at was having some trouble dealing with

a particular sin and one night the building was full. I got the idea many came because they thought there might be some sort of trouble.

B) Good

1. Run toward that which is good.

Psalms 122:1 <<A Song of Ascents. Of David.>> ***I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD." 2 Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Jerusalem! 3 Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact together, 4 Where the tribes go up, The tribes of the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel, To give thanks to the name of the LORD. 5 For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house of David. 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. 7 Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces." 8 For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace be within you." 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek your good.***

2. Feet that carry the Gospel to others.

Romans 10:15 ***And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"***

Conclusion:

As I thought of these four parts- eyes, ears, hands, and feet I realized two are connected to our brain, how we think. Two with actions, what we do. But all four are connected to our heart.

Let me end with this thought. One person reads the Bible and sees a beautiful love story as God sends His Son to save mankind. Another sees it as a book filled with hate, violence, and condemnation. The difference is not the book but the heart of the reader.

James 1:23 ***For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.***

In the Bible we see a reflection of ourselves. It doesn't make a lot of sense to blame the mirror if you don't like what you see.