

## **The blind have this advantage over others: they must see a person's heart before making judgments about them!**

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John 9:30 – 33 (NIV)

30. The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.

31. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will.

32. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.

33. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

A humble person can see an act of love and receive it but for many their eyes see only what the flesh desires!

In the above verses from John: we see a man who was healed from blindness, which he had from birth. There were spiritual leaders around Jesus that were trying to find something in order to accuse Jesus of wrongdoing. They liked the twisted religion they practiced giving them spiritual political authority over their fellow man. The religious leaders did not look for the spirit of the law but used the letter of the law to put people under condemnation for their own purposes. Jesus exposed their hypocrisy because they supposedly represented God. Subsequently, Jesus incurred their wrath.

This man that had been blind from birth saw the true light of Christ's heart because not only were his physical eyes opened but also the eyes of his heart. He saw the heart of Jesus before he ever looked upon His physical presence.

The religious leaders had no compassion on the blind man only that he was healed on the Sabbath and that he was breaking the letter of the law. Of course, this was only an excuse to continue in arrogance because Jesus brought their authority in the question. Therefore, we know that the prideful heart cannot see the spirit of God's love leaving no room for correction.

An honest heart leaves a greater impression than what is seen with the eye!

When the one healed of blindness testified to the fact that he did not know who healed him but knew he was of God, he also was persecuted. He saw the heart of Christ before the face of Christ.

There are many traditional churches today that have blinded their eyes to the work of God for the sake of tradition and politically correct values.

Why are the churches is so divided? There is only one Truth, one Love, and one Name by which we must be saved and He never changes.

As children of God we must first look at His heart in the Word of Christ because many hearts have been darkened and scarred simply by birth causing spiritual blindness. Born into a religion full of man's tradition keeping them blind.

There is however a courage which comes from Christ' love that will take them past the scarred thinking of man's traditions.

Many need the opportunity to see the heart of God's love before we make judgments about them. As we pursue God's love, He will bring all things in the focus through Christ. He is the truth which delivers us from blindness and through whom we see clearly and understand by the Holy Spirit He gives us. We should become a beacon of Christ's love for the spiritually blind. Every person we touch should see the light of God's love through us, which is the heart of Christ!

It is not religion that brings the heart of God to the world but the Spirit He gives us!

The work of God is that all believe in the one He has sent. Therefore, how can they believe or accept Jesus unless their blindness is healed and they see with their heart?

True hope is always served on a platter of God's love!

Please read the Gospel of John chapter 9

John 8:12 [NIV]

12. When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. "