



# Spiritual Blindness

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What percent of religious people are blind spiritually?



# Are We Blind Also?

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- **John 9:39-41** *"And Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."  
Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"  
Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."*



# Are We Shortsighted?

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- **2 Peter 1:5-8** *"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins."*



# Desires vs. Truth

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- **2 Timothy 4:3-4** *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."*



# Blinded By Self-Righteousness

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- **Proverbs 16:2** *"All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the spirits."*
- **A Trap Israel Fell Into**
  - **Romans 10:1-3** *"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God."*



# Be Careful of Two Things

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- **Placing burdens God did not require**

- **Matthew 15:8-9** *"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."*

- **Remove burdens God did require**

- **Revelation 2:20** *"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."*



# Use Righteous Judgment

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- **John 7:24** - *"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."*