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(#102) The Proverbs of Solomon 15:30- How Are Things Looking Today?

Since God Created humans, only God can provide specific understanding of human behavior. God gave Solomon Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**) to explain what and why behavior is as it is, and **Proverbs 10:1 - 24:34** are randomly written, as if they were Judgments Solomon made about individual cases brought to him for Divine Wisdom (**1 Kings Chapters 3 and 10**), or simply God-given explanations about life. New Testament passages may help see the continuation of Wisdom offered through Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 15:30:

The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, and a good report makes the bones healthy.

Like Job, life can make everything look dim: "My eye has also grown dim because of sorrow" (**Job 17:7**). But when youthful David was chosen by God to be king, he was described as having "bright eyes" (**1 Samuel 16:12**). The world looks to us as we see it! It's either a good day to be alive, or the next step to the grave! Before life's cataracts form, the world is beautiful, colorful, fascinating, lively, in short, spectacular! It is a wonderful blessing to keep that P.O.V. (point of view) throughout life.

God gives everyone the ability to see His blessings. Eyes are made to spark curiosity: "The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing" (**Ecclesiastes 1:8**). Our eyes give our hearts the opportunity to respond to needs:

- The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made them both. (**Proverbs 20:12**).
- He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor. (**Proverbs 22:9**)
- A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him. (**Proverbs 28:22**)

What the heart "sees" is up to the individual.

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (**Galatians 6:9-10**)

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Christians should “walk properly toward those who are outside” (1 Thessalonians 4:12), but unfortunately, those outside of the churches of Christ are taught to focus on the sins of some Christians, and overlook entirely their own need to obey the Gospel. It’s too bad that Christians, also, oftentimes dwell on the sins of some brethren and ignore the marvelous work the Lord has done with the majority in the churches of Christ.

In spite of the “antichrists” from the church of Christ who had forsaken the Lord, and Diotrephes who had ruined one church, the Apostle John could still see the good in the churches of Christ, which is more than some brethren seem to be able to do today!

I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. (2 John 4)

For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward on their journey in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, because they went forth for His name's sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles. (3 John 3-7)

What we see is determined by what we want to see, and the rejoicing of the heart is determined by what we see! Our outlook on life is a key to good health. The best way to stay strong and healthy is to focus on the Word of God, let it be the “apple of your eye.”

- A sound heart *is* life to the body, but envy *is* rottenness to the bones. (Proverbs 14:30)
- Keep my commands and live, and my law as the apple of your eye. (Proverbs 7:2)

Jesus said

“The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness.” (Luke 11:34)

Do you see Jesus’ statement to the world as good or bad?

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

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