

The Reset- Listening and Looking- A Renewal for the Senses

Luke 11:33-36

³³ “No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light. ³⁴ The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness. ³⁵ Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness. ³⁶ If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays.”

Matthew 6:22-23

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, 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 that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Ecclesiastes 11:7

⁷ The light is pleasant, and *it is* good for the eyes to see the sun.

The Law of Diminishing Returns: If input remains constant, the return will eventually plateau, and then steadily decline.

The only way to keep the desired result constant or increasing is to continually increase the input.

Whatever the “shock factor” is at the beginning, is only a sampling of what is coming in the next season!

Job 30:26

²⁶ “When I expected good, then evil came; When I waited for light, then darkness came.

Isaiah 5:20

²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

John 3:19

¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

Is it not that we love darkness because we have some evil action or desire that we do not want exposed?

2 Corinthians 6:14

¹⁴ Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

Ephesians 5:7-10

⁷ Therefore do not be partakers with them; ⁸ for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), ¹⁰ trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Our focus should not solely be on avoiding evil, but much more on listening and looking for the highest good!

Isaiah 30:20-21

²⁰ Although the Lord has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, *He*, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. ²¹ Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

Seeing the Teacher, hearing His voice ruins all the world's temptations- they are shadows and dust by comparison!

Luke 10:23-24

²³ Turning to the disciples, He said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see, ²⁴ for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see *them*, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear *them*."

Consider the privileges extended to you by the grace of God, and use your freedom to grow in godliness!

Mark 4:23-24

²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides.

While we are filling our senses with all this, we are not preparing for the day that comes like a thief!

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.