

# BLIND SPOTS

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## INTRODUCTION:

<i>Known to self and to others (Open)</i>	<i>Unknown to self, known by others (Blind Spots)</i>
<i>Known to self but unknown by others (Hidden)</i>	<i>Unknown to self and to others (Undiscovered)</i>

B. Everybody has blind spots.

***For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom... And the Lord — who is the Spirit — makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image. — 2 Corinthians 3:17-18***

***For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him — as all along He knew who would — should become like His Son... — Romans 8:29***

## I. WE ALL HAVE BLIND SPOTS

A. Blind spots "are places where we lack clarity, insight and awareness of ourselves and our patterns of reacting and relating to life."

***But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. — 2 Peter 1:9***

B. Why do we choose blindness over really seeing?

- Pain, trauma, pride, fear, laziness, stubbornness...

***How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free from guilt and innocent of great sin. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. — Psalm 19:12-14***

C. Letting God heal your sight

***"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.***

***"My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"***

***And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." — Mark 10:51-52***

- We have to choose: Reject its reality or acknowledge it and work on stopping our bad behavior — let God by the power of the Holy Spirit root it out!

D. Accurately seeing ourselves

- Accept that we are loved by God

***So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.***

**— Romans 8:1**

- Look in an accurate mirror

***But if anyone keeps looking steadily into God's law for the free, they will not only remember it but they will do what it says...***

— James 1:25

- Look back - what pattern are your “relational dead bodies” in?

***But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.***

— 2 Corinthians 3:16

- Humbly and daily go before God

***Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean....***

— Psalm 51:1-2 & 7

## **CONCLUSION:**