



SD#143 Do You See What I See?

Proverbs 4:23 (ESV) *“Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.”*

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Do you find yourself overwhelmed this holiday season?

- 2) Are there things you can eliminate in order to spend more time with God?

- 3) What is one way you can ask God to open your eyes to His gifts?

Extended Devotion:

Do you feel overwhelmed by all the “hustle and bustle” this Christmas season? I know that if I’m not careful to intentionally slow down and spend time with God, I too fall prey to Christmas chaos. If you feel this way too, let me encourage you that it doesn’t have to be this way. We can intentionally keep our eyes open and see all the gifts God has for us. But we can only see them if we ask God to open our eyes and our hearts.

In Proverbs, King Solomon shares his vast wisdom with his son, and it’s such a gift that we too can read and cherish each nugget of wisdom. Solomon exhorts his son to “*keep his heart with all diligence.*” Keeping, or guarding, our hearts close to God and His Word will help keep our eyes open as well. We will only be able to see God’s blessings in every season, but we will also be more aware of the areas in which we need to repent and relinquish sin that prevents us from living holy lives.

We need to ask in order to see. Sometimes we desperately try to work out our plans according to our own desires. When we do that, we miss the blessings God has already worked out for us. Our salvation comes by faith, and we must continually have faith that God will reveal good things when we ask.

Luke 2:30-32 (ESV) says, “*For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.*” Christ, Himself is the Light for all generations. May we slow down this season, pause, see His light and walk in it.

Application:

1. Read the account of Simeon in the temple in Luke 2:25-35. Make a note of his prayer of praise to God at seeing the Messiah. How has seeing Christ in your life stirred you to praise?
2. Write down 2-3 ways you can pause and pray more in this Advent season. Ask the Lord to reveal them to you.

Takeaway:

If we want to see God’s work in our life, we must ask Him to open our eyes.

