

Body Parts
Making Sure That We Honor God with All of Us



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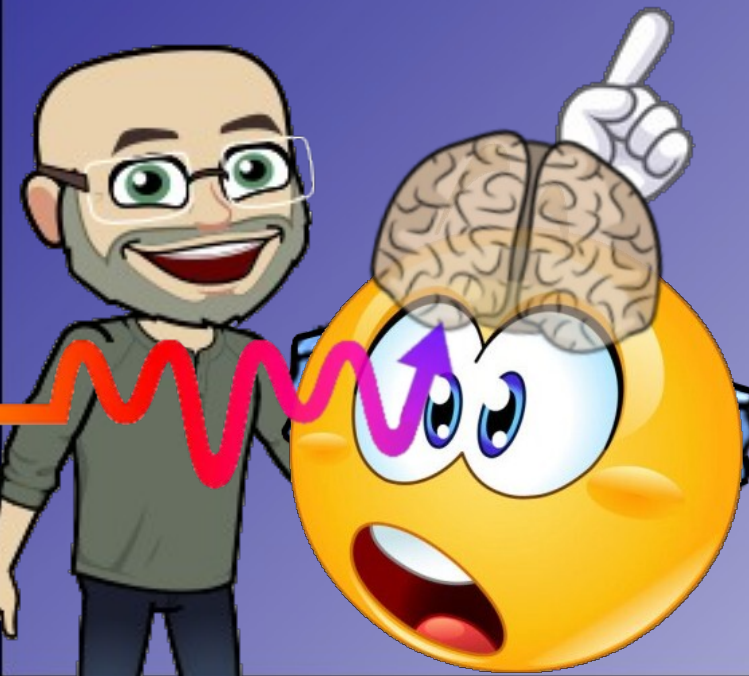
- *Our Ears*
- *Our Eyes (part 3)*
- *Our Tongues*
- *Our Hands*
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- *Our Hearts*



Our Eyes

Quick review from before

- We talked about how your eyes work
 - Much like with “hearing” vs. “listening,” your eyes “see” by having light enter into your irises but we “perceive” when our brains act to then *interpret* the images that our eyes have “seen”
 - So some people can truly be physically blind but even those of us who can “see” the world around us may not be “perceiving” it correctly



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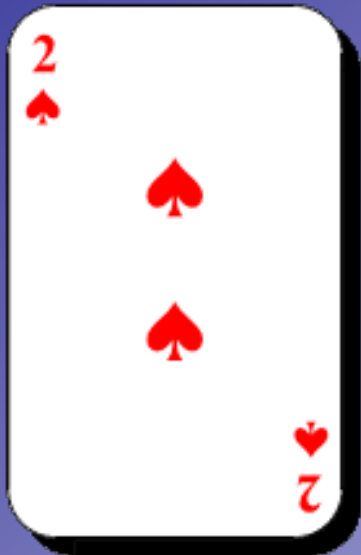
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- We talked about how *perception* works
 - Your brain looks for patterns and reads them back into whatever you're looking at
 - That's a good thing when it works accurately but that's a *dangerous* thing when we just *assume* the patterns we "perceive" are the same thing as the stuff that we literally "see"



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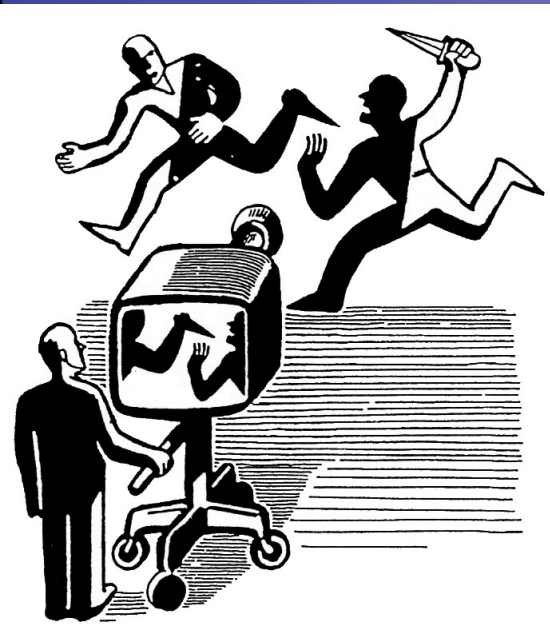
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 - Your brain really hates “cognitive dissonance” and will act to reduce it—even if that means *lying* to yourself about what you're “seeing”
 - It will often automatically shave off the “round edges” of “square pegs” to make them fit more easily into your cognitive “round holes”



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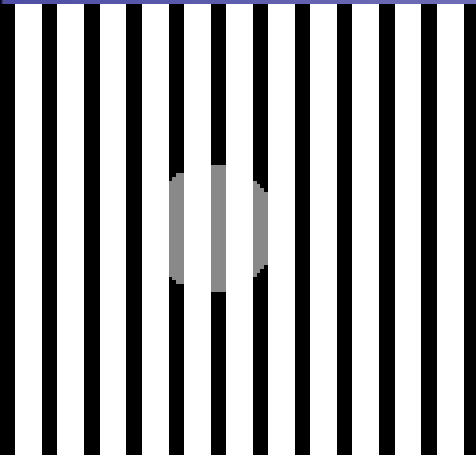
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 - **Your brain automatically “fills in” the hole of your physical “blind spot” that everyone has in their physical eyes (where the optical nerve connects) (which be conceptually crucial for your brain to “fill in the gaps” of your “perceptions” for you throughout the day—but can *also* be just as conceptually dangerous for your brain to “fill in the gaps” of your “perceptions” for you *without* telling you)**



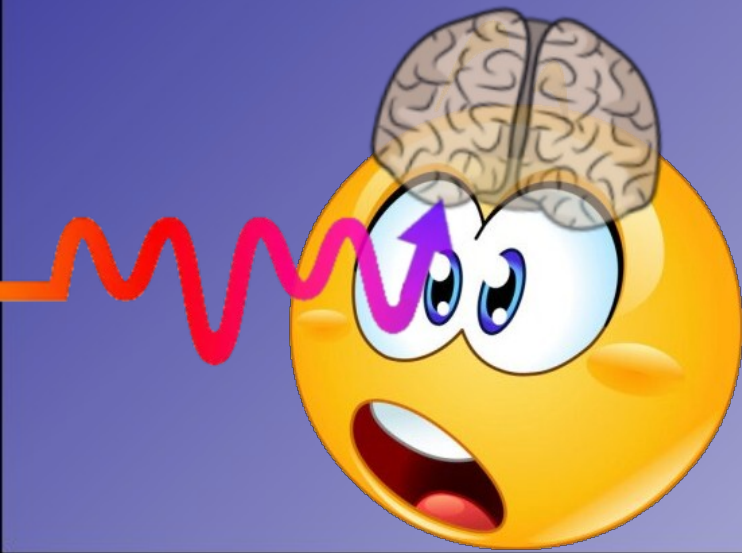
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“Seeing is Believing”

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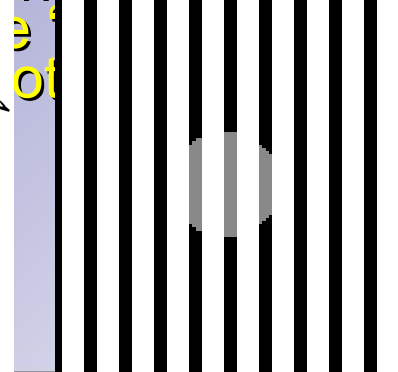


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- Let's pick up where we left off last time...
 - We read 2 Samuel 11:2-4
 - Was the fact that David could “see” Bathsheba a *sin* on his part?
 - Or was it his “perceptions” and fantasies *based* on what he could “see” that constituted the first sin?
 - Cross-apply: How do our perceptual “patterns” that we've accepted that allow for *one* sin make it all the easier for us to allow for *continued* sin?
 - How can we ignore the peripheral **T** ruth here or there if it's arguably incompatible with our sin?
 - How can we become oblivious to our own “blind spots” regarding our sins (or our “patterns” that allow us to *continue* sinning)?
 - So how we choose to “perceive”



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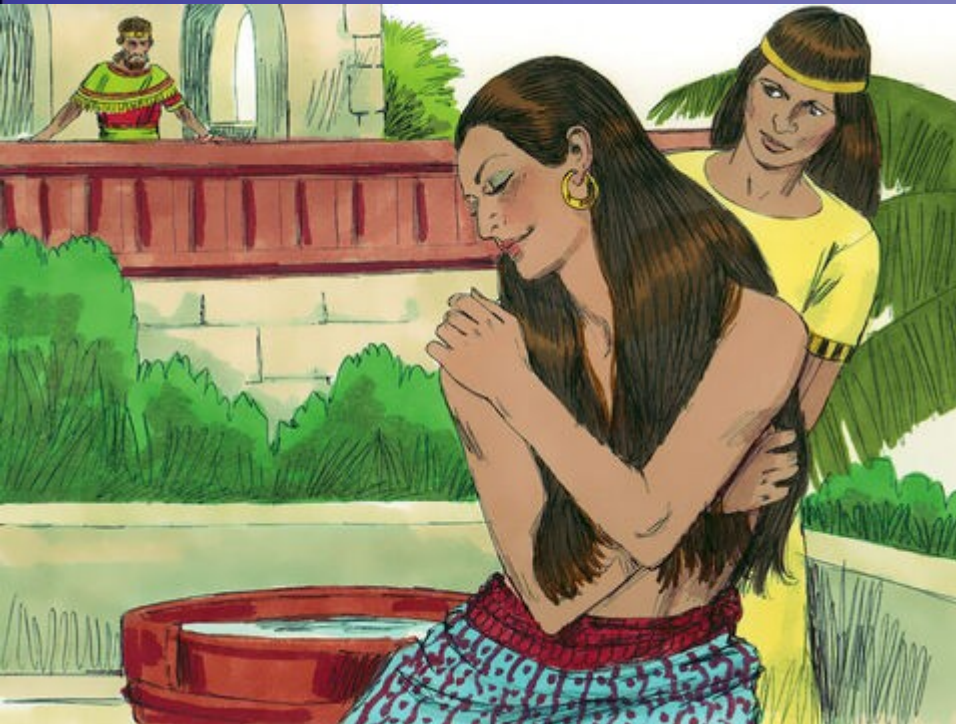


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“I will set no vile thing before my eyes”
—Psalm 101:3)



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 - Was the fact that David could “see” Bathsheba a *sin* on his part?
 - Isn't this fundamental to understanding the First Sin?
 - Think about the first few days of the world—do you see any relevant patterns...?
 - God **saw** that the light was good (*Genesis 1:4*)
 - The gathered waters he called “seas.” And God **saw** that it was good (*Genesis 1:10*)
 - The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God **saw** that it was good (*Genesis 1:12*)
 - God **saw** all that he had made, and it was very good (*Genesis 1:31*)
 - Why does the writer keep emphasizing what God saw when He looked at all of this?

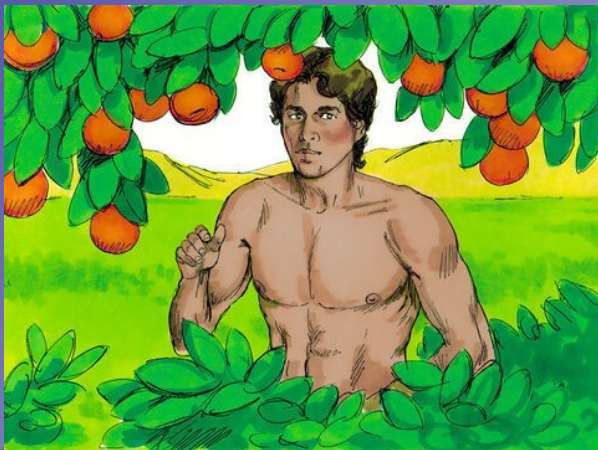


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 - The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were **pleasing to the eye** and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil... (*Genesis 2:9*)
 - And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (*Genesis 2:16-17*)

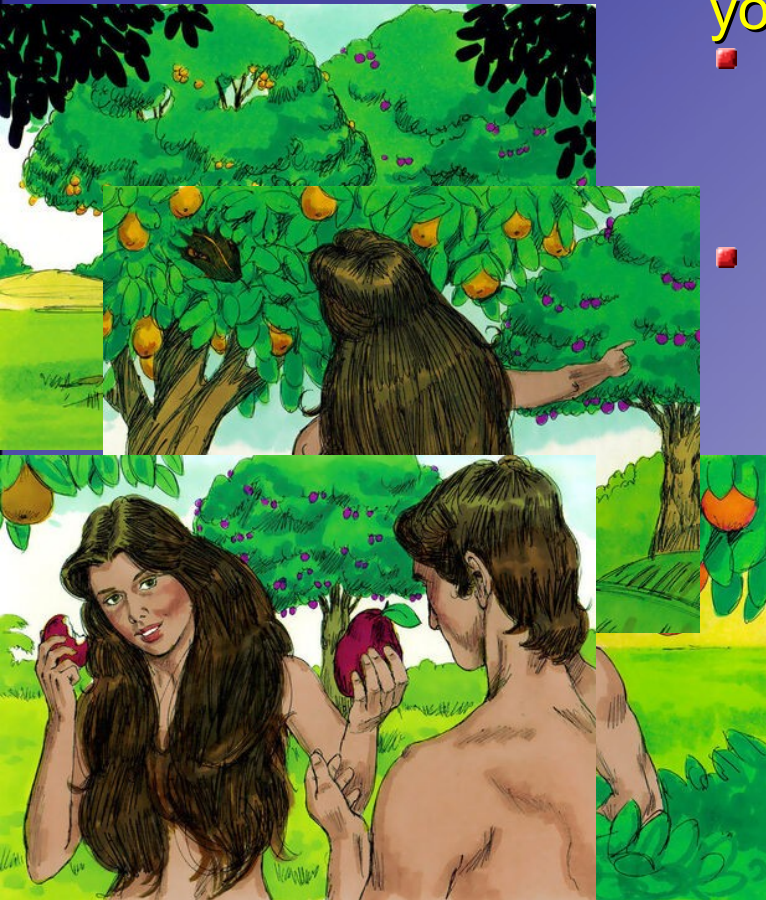


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 - “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” (*Genesis 3:4-5*)
 - When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened... (*Genesis 3:6-7*)



How is *what* they looked at—and *how* they looked, and how they “perceived” it—so absolutely crucial to understanding this story (and this First Sin)?



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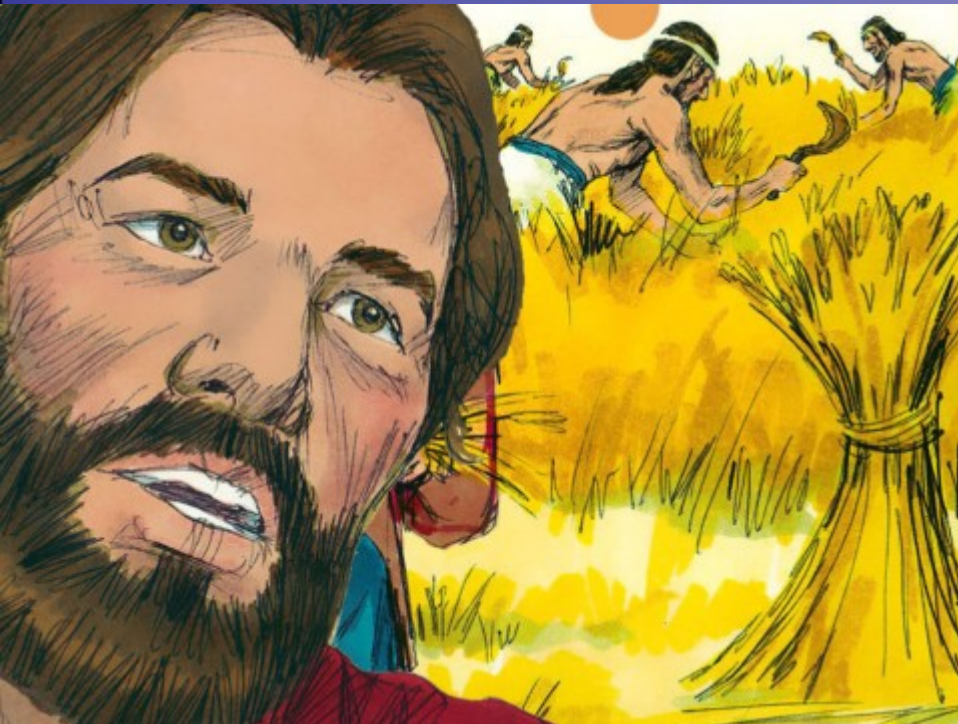
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 - How is their focus on what *they* thought that they could “see” with their eyes and “perceive” in their brains more *important* to them than what *God* actually “saw”—and how is that often still true in us today?
 - Again—how is falling into sin often a case of prioritizing our *own* “perceptions” over God's? Can we give practical examples?



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- **Eyes 201**

- Think about all of that as we think about some more Bible passages and cross-apply those concepts
- **What sorts of things *should* we “fix our eyes on”?**
 - Please read John 4:35
 - Why does Jesus say that the “harvest fields” are something that we should “fix our eyes on” in life?
 - How can we go about doing that?
 - How does doing that begin to adjust our “perception” in this area?
 - How might adjusting our perception then begin to affect how or what we “see” in this area—i.e.; a cycle of changing vision?



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- A literal translation of what Paul says in this verse is “observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us”

- What is Paul telling us to “fix our eyes” on here?

- Why is it so crucially important to look to *solid* examples in life—to step where they step (and to step aside where they step aside)?

- You're *going* to follow examples in life, so how is doing that going to affect what and how you “see” and what and how you “perceive” things?



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 - **Please read Hebrews 12:1-3**
 - Even think back to Peter again here—why is it crucial to fix our eyes not only on *good* examples, but on Christ's *perfect* example?
 - What happens when we lose sight of Jesus in our lives?
 - How does keeping Christ squarely in our sights affect how and what we “see” and how we “perceive” what we're looking at?



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- **Why does the writer point us both to Christ on the cross and to Christ in Heaven here?**

- How is this both sobering and encouraging at the same time?

- How does that affect how we “see” life, what we’re even looking for, and how we should “perceive” ourselves, our world, and our Saviour Himself?

