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Reckless Abandon... that's what comes to mind. If you knew this was all you had, this one last day, twenty-four hours, how would you live? What would you do? Would you check tomorrow's weather? Would you be obsessed with your 401K or your long-term investments? Would you be focussed on the security of your retirement? "Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be?" That is what Y'shua thought of such concerns.

Reckless Abandon... without care or regard for consequences, living with a rash, unrestrained impulsiveness, enthusiasm, or zeal. It combines the sense of carelessness with the idea of yielding oneself to an action or impulse without restraint. Jump in wholeheartedly,

perhaps impulsively, and with no concern for consequences or danger; that's reckless abandon.

Okay, that sounds a bit, well, reckless! So, let's add wise biblical guide-rails before anyone listening skydives without a parachute or decides to skinny dip with piranhas. Temper the concept of living with reckless abandon by removing certain negative thoughts that display a lack of wisdom. Remove rash, impulsive, careless and without restraint from the life we ought to live. And then reframe consequences and danger as permitted only if the cause is for God. Taking unnecessary risks, those that could not possibly produce fruit for the Kingdom, is both senseless and foolish. And then reinsert restraint by qualifying every choice with first seeking God's heart on the matter—if He approves, then go for it without restraint. What remains is a life of unrestrained enthusiasm and zeal for the things that matter most to God. It's a life yielded wholeheartedly in service to God and others, with no concern for the consequences or danger, as long as you are advancing His Kingdom.

Now, design your life of reckless abandon for God. It would look something like this. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow can worry about itself. Sufficient for today is what today brings." Today is all you have; you don't need to worry about tomorrow today; tomorrow's worries can irritate you and occupy

your thoughts tomorrow. And the greatest benefit about putting off your worries until tomorrow is that... tomorrow never comes.

It's time to face the dominant source of your preoccupation. It's obvious if you'll be honest with yourself, although it might be painful to admit. And if you overthink this exercise, you're at high risk of catching what's going around in the rationalization and self-deception pandemic, and the truth will remain elusive.

Here's the assignment. There are only two options: things of the world and things of God. To which do you dedicate most of your efforts—your time, resources, thoughts, and energy? Is your major concern for the provisions of the world and that is what dominates your efforts? That, according to Christ, is the pagan way of life. Or, is your main focus on the priorities of God, the things of the Kingdom of Heaven? If your rationalization and self-deception immune system defense was triggered, you already know the answer. There is no treatment for this disease if you ignore the proper diagnosis.

We learn from Christ that assessing one's accomplishments in life should never be measured by the abundance of the things he possesses. Why? Because he who accumulates earthly treasures as a measure of success and security, is not rich toward God. And in the end, concern about such worldly things should be designated to the proper time—never!

PROPHETIC SEED:

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for **tomorrow will worry about its own things**. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” Matthew 6:34 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be** in holy conduct and godliness?” II Peter 3:11 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Introduction

Last week we began our three-week journey through the Sermon on the Mount with a teaching called [On Collision Course](#). The Sermon on the Mount was the first of Y'shua's public sermons and is the backbone of His ministry. It spans three chapters in Matthew and is filled with ideas and concepts, each on their own worthy of a full blown sermon. And, when pieced together they define Christianity itself.

The Sermon on the Mount turns the world upside down as, in many ways, it reveals that the heart of God is indeed the exact opposite of human instinct. We might even see this sermon as a

miniature, ultra concentrated, depiction of the entire Torah. I don't say this to minimize the Torah, but rather to magnify the sermon and to help you realize that the Sermon on the Mount actually infuses the Torah with grace, the supernatural power of God that inspires, motivates and enables you to actually obey the Torah. It's like the Case Law decided on in the Courts of Heaven that then teaches us how to apply God's laws here on earth and makes them applicable in our everyday lives.

This week we will tackle Matthew 6. Here you are introduced to the secret place. This is where you perform your good deeds, offer your prayers, and do your fasting. No man needs to recognize these things; and if you put them on full display for man to see, man's acknowledgment of them will be your entire reward. Keep all these things private and let God be your reward.

We also see the model prayer (the Lord's Prayer / the Our Father) with all the key components to include in your prayer life. Two things stand out about prayer. Do not sound like a broken record; endless repetition is actually a characteristic of pagan prayer. And be authentic with your forgiveness; it's a requirement for being forgiven!

The next emphasis is about your heart and that which you treasure most. What you value greatest will be obvious to everyone. And if your priorities are the things of the world; they will all

amount to nothing in the end. You cannot truly serve God and the treasures of the world at the same time. You must choose.

We are also introduced to a magnificent revelation. When we think of the human eye, we “see” it as a receiver of light only. But, God also shows us that it operates as a transmitter as well, of either light or darkness. Certainly on one side of the two-edged-sword is that what you look upon and take in through your eyes effects your entire being (spirit, soul and body). But here, because Y’shua compares a lamp to the human eye, an object that shines light, you must also be concerned for what your eyes are transmitting.

And lastly, we are taught how to recognize where our greatest concerns await. You are either concerned for all of the provisions of the world; that is a pagan way of life, or, you are concerned for God’s priorities, the things of Kingdom of Heaven. In the end, worrying about worldly things should be designated to the proper time—never!

Matthew 6

Quietly Fulfilling Needs

1. Good deeds...

- (a) When you provide for the needs of others, do so privately without drawing attention to yourself.

- (b) If you make a spectacle, God will overlook your good deeds and the accolades you receive from men will be all the reward you will ever get.
- (c) Instead, be a blessing in secret; and God who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Quiet Prayer

- 2. Apply this private display mandate to prayer as well...
 - (a) Hypocrites pray out in the open for everyone to notice, and men noticing is their entire reward.
 - (b) Be authentic and pray in a secret place; and God who sees into the secret places will reward you openly.
 - (c) Don't think many repetitive words in prayer will make your prayers more effective—quite the opposite. Heathens repeat things over and over because they don't recognize that God already knows every need.

The Model Prayer

- 3. Include these ideas in your prayer:
 - (a) Heavenly Father, Your name is set apart.
 - (b) Acknowledge that His kingdom will manifest in mankind.
 - (c) Submit to His will being done in the natural world.
 - (d) Recognize that both are reflections from Heaven.
 - (e) Today, all that you need is provision for today.

- (f) *Your sins are forgiven, so you must imitate His forgiveness to others.
- (g) Ask to be guarded from temptation and protected from the devil.
- (h) Acknowledge these permanent inalienable truths...
 - 1) Yahweh is the author of reality!
 - 2) Yahweh is the source of all power!
 - 3) Yahweh alone deserves all the credit and recognition!
- 4. *A critical stipulation regarding forgiveness...
 - (a) You must forgive others unconditionally.
 - (b) If you don't, God won't forgive you unconditionally.

For God's Eyes Only

- 5. The secret thing applies to fasting as well; keep it private.
 - (a) Don't act all mopey and weak, like the hypocrites who wish to get attention. If you do so, man's recognition of your deed will be your entire reward.
 - (b) Do the opposite; actually appear bright and energetic and God who knows the secret things will reward you openly.

True Treasure

- 6. Your commitments, desires, investments and priorities are always a reflection of what is really in your heart...
 - (a) What should be obvious is that your heart here is not referring to the organ in your chest, but rather the physical

reflection of your soul: your mind, will, emotions, intentions, inspirations, and aspirations—all the things you truly treasure, care about and emphasize.

- (b) Do you see it now? You can't hide what is most important to you. It's obvious for everyone to see. *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!"*
- (c) So, don't prioritize building your own kingdom, treasures that have no permanent value; they will all fade into dust.
- (d) Instead, invest in treasures that God considers most important and thus participate in building His kingdom.

Your Eyes

- 7. What comes next shatters our limited version of reality...
 - (a) We are introduced to this magnificent revelation.
 - (b) When we think of the human eye, we "see" it as a receiver of light only. But, God also shows us that it operates as a transmitter as well, of either light or darkness.
 - (c) Certainly on one side of the two-edged-sword is that what you look upon and take in through your eyes effects your entire being (spirit, soul and body).
 - (d) But here, because Y'shua compares a lamp to the human eye, an object that shines light, you must also be concerned for what your eyes are transmitting.

- (e) You are either filled with life and light, and that is what emanates from your eyes! How beautiful is that grace!
- (f) Or, you are filled with death and darkness, and that is what emanates from your eyes! How ugly is that blackness!

Two Masters

- 8. God or mammon: you can't serve both simultaneously!
 - (a) God is love; God is the divine family, the Father, Spirit & Son, as reflected in the human family, the father, mother & child.
 - (b) Mammon is wealth regarded as an evil influence or false object of worship and devotion.
 - (c) Either Yahweh is your Master or worldly wealth rules you.
 - (d) Rule: If you love one you will hate the other. *"Where your treasure is, that is who you are serving, and that is what will be obvious in your eyes!"*
- 9. I love what John drew from this.
 - (a) *"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."* 1 John 2:15-17 NKJV

The Kingdom

10. Therefore, because of what has been revealed about the secret place; the components of prayer; about your choices regarding true treasure; what you let into your eyes and what reflects from them; and to whom you will direct your entire worship... Y'shua concludes this:

- (a) Do not worry about the basic needs of life (food, clothing, and physical comfort). Life is more than those things.
- (b) Think about birds, as an example. They don't have any concern for such things and they are well-provided for.
- (c) And they are just birds; you are infinitely more valuable to God than birds.
- (d) Besides, worrying about such things does not magically cause such things to manifest.
- (e) Think also about flowers and how they grow naturally in the fields and how beautifully they are "dressed."
- (f) They don't toil to provide for themselves, nor worry about being clothed.
- (g) And yet, they are arrayed with more beauty than King Solomon, the wealthiest king ever, who had a limitless budget for his wardrobe.

- (h) If plants that grow naturally are so beautifully arrayed, and yet they sprout and dry up in a flash, and are so easily disposed of, how much more will God care for you?
- (i) Don't suffer with such powerless faith!
- (j) Pagans worry about such things; you shouldn't!
- (k) Quite simply, you should not worry because God knows what you need.

11. This is what should be your first priority...

- (a) Seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness!
- (b) Everything else will come!
- (c) The bottom line is this... Today is all you have; you don't need to worry about tomorrow today; tomorrow's worries can be considered tomorrow.
- (d) And the best news of all is that tomorrow never comes.

THE HIDING PLACE

1. Quietly Fulfilling Needs

A. Charitable deeds

(1) Secret Charity

(a) This is how to perform your charitable deeds...

1. **“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.**

Therefore, **when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet** before you as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, **they have their reward**. But when you **do a charitable deed**, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees **in secret** will Himself reward you openly.” Matthew 6:1-4 NKJV

- a) Provide for the needs of others privately without drawing attention to yourself; hypocrites want all the attention.
- b) Why is it hypocrisy? Because they are really after the opposite of giving—they want to receive praise and accolades.
- c) If you make a spectacle, God will overlook your good deeds and the accolades you receive from men will be your entire reward.
- d) Be a secret blessing and God will reward you openly.

B. Quiet Prayer

(1) Secret Prayer

- (a) This is where to pray...

1. ““And when **you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites**. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, **they have their reward**. But you, when you pray, **go into your room**, and when you have **shut your door**, **pray to your Father who is in the secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, **do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do**. For they think that they will be heard for their **many words**. “Therefore do not be like them. For **your Father knows** the things you have need of before you ask Him.” Matthew 6:5-8 NKJV

- a) Hypocrites pray out in the open for everyone to notice, and men noticing is their entire reward.
- b) Be authentic and pray in private and God will reward you openly.
- c) Don't think repeating the same prayer over and over will make it more effective.
- d) Heathens repeat their ineffective mantras because they don't recognize the true God who already knows every need.

C. For God's Eyes Only

(1) Secret Fasting

(a) This is how to fast...

1. ““Moreover, **when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance.** For they **disfigure their faces** that they **may appear to men to be fasting.** Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, **when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,** so that you **do not appear to men to be fasting,** but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will **reward you openly.**” Matthew 6:16-18 NKJV

- a) Don't act all mopey and weak, like the hypocrites who wish to get attention.
- b) Man's recognition of your fasting will be your entire reward.
- c) Do the opposite; actually appear bright and energetic and God will reward you openly.
- d) Notice that charity, prayer and fasting done for others to see is considered hypocrisy.

PRAY LIKE THIS

2. The Model Prayer

A. Main Point

(1) The Lord's Prayer

(a) Key components to include in your prayer life...

1. "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our **Father** in heaven, Hallowed be Your **name**. Your **kingdom** come. Your **will** be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our **daily bread**. And **forgive** us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into **temptation**, But **deliver** us from the evil one. For Yours is the **kingdom** and the **power** and the **glory** forever. Amen. "For if you **forgive** men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also **forgive** you. But if you **do not forgive** men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:9-15 NKJV

a) Include these ideas in your prayer:

- 1) Heavenly Father, Your name is set apart.
- 2) Acknowledge that His kingdom will manifest in mankind.
- 3) Submit to His will being done in the natural world.

- 4) Recognize that both His kingdom and His will are reflections from Heaven.
 - 5) Today, all that you need is provision for today.
 - 6) Your sins are forgiven, so you must imitate His forgiveness to others.
 - 7) Ask to be guarded from temptation and protected from the devil.
 - 8) Acknowledge these permanent inalienable truths...
 - I. Yahweh is the author of reality!
 - II. Yahweh is the source of all power!
 - III. Yahweh alone deserves all the credit and recognition!
- (b) Be authentic with your forgiveness; it's a requirement for being forgiven!
1. You must forgive others unconditionally.
 2. If you don't, God won't forgive you unconditionally.

THE EYE TRANSMITTER

3. Your Eyes Say Everything

A. Look in my eyes—what do you see?

(1) Open Your Eyes

- (a) Shatter your limited version of reality...

1. **“The lamp of the body is the eye.** If therefore your eye is **good, your whole body will be full of light.** But if your eye is **bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.** If therefore the **light** that is in you is **darkness,** how great is that darkness!” Matthew 6:22-23 NKJV

- a) We are introduced to this magnificent revelation.
- b) The human eye is a receiver of light. But, God also shows us that it operates as a transmitter (a lamp) as well, of either light or darkness.
- c) [Lamp] Greek: leukos; a portable lamp or other illuminator.
- d) It shines **into the body**, apparently influenced by what you habitually gaze upon.
- e) And it shines **out of the body**, apparently indicating what is inside of you!
- f) The eyes show what is in a man’s heart. Out of the heart flow all the issues of life—and it flows from your eyes!
 - 1) **“The way of the wicked is like darkness;** They do not know what makes them stumble. My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. **Do not let them depart from**

your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it [from within your heart] spring [from your eyes] the issues of life.**" Proverbs 4:19-23 NKJV

- 2) **"As in water face reflects face, So a man's heart reveals the man [through his eyes].** Hell and Destruction are never full; **So the eyes [5869. ayin: showing mental and spiritual qualities, spring, fountain] of man are never satisfied.** The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, And **a man is valued [praised about] by what others say of him.**" Proverbs 27:19-21 NKJV

(2) Eye influencers... The Eye Gate

- (a) Certainly on one side of the two-edged-sword is that what you look upon, and take in through your eyes, affects your entire being (spirit, soul and body).

1. **"Open my eyes,** that I may see wondrous things from **Your law.**" Psalms 119:18 NKJV
2. **"I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;** I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me." Psalms 101:3 NKJV

3. **"I have made a covenant with my eyes;** Why then should I look upon a young woman?" Job 31:1 NKJV
4. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, **the lust of the eyes**, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." I John 2:15-17 NKJV
5. The Eye Gate
 - a) Gaza upon God's instructions.
 - b) Set nothing wicked before your eyes.
 - c) Make a covenant to see nothing impure.
 - d) The things the world offers that you should not love are consumed through your eyes.

(3) Paul's Eye Conversion...

(a) Eyes Closed

1. **"Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.** And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank." Acts 9:8-9 NKJV
 - a) Paul was blind already—he just did not know it.

- b) As he encounters Y'shua, the Messiah he could not see, the first thing he had to experience was his own blindness.

(b) Eyes Open

1. "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may **receive your sight** and be filled with the Holy Spirit. **Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.** So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus." Acts 9:17-19 NKJV
- a) Paul "...**was three days without sight**, and neither ate nor drank." Acts 9:9
 - b) Paul was blinded for three days, notably symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection.
 - c) Ananias lays hands on him and he suddenly sees (for the first time).
 - d) Then Paul is baptized—again, death, burial and resurrection!

(c) Eye Ministry

1. [Y'shua speaking] "But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, **to make you a minister and a witness** both of the **things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal** to you. I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, {18} **to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'**" Acts 26:16-18 NKJV
 - a) As Paul recounts his testimony of conversion to king Agrippa...
 - b) He has seen things and he will see more things—
 - c) ...and his job...*"to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light."* (Like what happened to him)
 - d) Paul is to change what goes in and what comes out of people's eyes!
- (d) Eyes wide open—Spit in the eyes
 1. "Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. {23} **So He took the blind man by the hand and led**

him out of the town. And when He had spit *[literally spit]* **on** *[or into]* **his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.** And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.” **Then He put His hands on his eyes again** and made him look up. **And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.** Then He sent him away to his house, saying, “Neither go into the town, **nor tell anyone in the town.**”” Mark 8:22-26 NKJV

- a) In an amazing exchange, Y’shua literally takes His own body fluid, which contains His DNA, and He spits into the eyes of a blind man—and his eyes are opened!
- b) At first he sees dimly (very blurry men could easily look like trees)—then Y’shua touches him again and his sight is completely restored.
- c) Tell No One! Why? Because they will know what is in your heart from what come from your eyes!
- d) Has your dim sight been restored?
 - 1) “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **For now we see in a mirror, dimly,** but

then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.” I

Corinthians 13:11-12 NKJV

(e) Eyes wide open—be enlightened

1. “Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, **making mention of you in my prayers:** that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, {18} **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,”** Ephesians 1:15-18 NKJV

- a) Paul’s prayer was for eyes to open to see the the glory of God’s inheritance for His children!

B. Light and Darkness

(1) Emanate Light

- (a) Because Y’shua compares the human eye to a lamp, an object that shines outward, you must also be concerned for what your eyes are transmitting.

1. **“Let your light so shine** before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 NKJV

a) What is emanating from your eyes?

b) Let your light shine—through your eyes!

1) **“The way of the wicked is like darkness;** They do not know what makes them stumble. My son, **give attention to my words**; Incline your ear to my sayings. **Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart**; For **they are life** to those who find them, And health to all their flesh. **Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it [from within your heart] spring [from your eyes] the issues of life.**” Proverbs 4:19-23 NKJV

(b) The look on your face...

1. **“In the light of the king’s face is life,** And his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.” Proverbs 16:15 NKJV

a) Life is emanating from the king’s eyes!

b) How about yours?

c) Is light shining from your eyes...

(2) Emanate Darkness

(a) Or, you are filled with death and darkness, and that is what emanates from your eyes!

1. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, **and their foolish hearts were darkened.**”

Romans 1:20-21 NKJV

- a) The ugliness of darkened heart cannot be hidden.
It come out of the eyes!

- 1) “My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. **Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart;**” Proverbs 4:20-21 NKJV

- b) Quite the opposite of a father’s instruction. Good doctrine received in the heart will emanate from your eyes!

- 1) “Hear, my children, **the instruction of a father,** And give attention to know understanding; For I **give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law.**” Proverbs 4:1-2 NKJV

2) Pray... “**Open my eyes**, that I may see
wondrous things from **Your law**.” Psalms 119:18

(b) The “Eyes are the window to the soul.”

1. “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge [*because their foolish hearts were darkened*], **God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting**; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.” Romans 1:28-32 NKJV

- a) How ugly is that blackness!
- b) When someone is filled with such darkness—it pours from their eyes!

(c) The “Eyes are the window to the soul.”

Origin of: Eyes are the window to the soul

Eyes are the window to the soul

This well-known saying or proverb articulates the concept of looking into a person's eyes in order to discern their true character or intentions. It is first cited from about the mid-1500s, but the exact origin remains obscure because so many sources have articulated something very similar but not these exact words. Sources such as Cicero, the Bible, Shakespeare, and many others have all been cited as the origin. It would appear that all these sources have articulated various forms of the concept, but not in so many words. The source that comes closest to the actual words is the French poet Guillaume de Salluste Du Bartas (1544-1590) who described the eyes as "these lovely lamps, these windows of the soul." His poetry, translated into English, was very popular during the 16th century. It remains highly probable, however, he was not the creator of the original concept, which, in the form of 'the eyes are the window to the soul' was certainly well known by the mid-1500s.

(d) Eyes full of adultery that cannot cease from sin...

1. "But these, like **natural brute beasts** made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, {14} **having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.**" II Peter 2:12-14 NKJV
 - a) The "Eyes are the window to the soul."
 - b) Hearts trained in sin will emanate from adulterous eyes!

4. Treasure

A. The Treasure of the Heart

(1) What kingdom are you building?

(a) Your commitments, desires, investments and priorities are always a reflection of what is really in your heart...

1. ““Do not lay up for yourselves **treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:19-21 NKJV

a) Your heart is not the organ in your chest, but rather the physical reflection of your soul: your mind, will, emotions, intentions, inspirations, and aspirations—all the things you truly treasure, care about and emphasize.

b) Do you see it now? You can't hide what is most important to you. It's obvious for everyone to see. *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!”*

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- 1. "As in water face reflects face, **So a man's heart reveals the man.**" Proverbs 27:19 NKJV

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- 1. "Everyone **proud in heart is an abomination** to the Lord; Though they join forces, none will go unpunished." Proverbs 16:5 NKJV

(c) A wise heart fills a man's mouth with life!

- 1. "The **wise in heart** will be called prudent, And sweetness of the lips increases learning. Understanding is a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools is folly. **The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.**" Proverbs 16:21-23 NKJV

(d) What is in a man's heart will eventually come out of his mouth...good or bad!

1. **"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."** Luke 6:45 NKJV

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1. **"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart.**"**" I Samuel 16:7 NKJV

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1. **"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and mammon.**"** Matthew 6:24 NKJV

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(1) Do not...

(a) Worry... It's is the Pagan way!

1. "Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about your life**, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?**

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1. **"It is vain** for you to rise up early, **To sit up late**, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep." Psalms 127:2 NKJV

a) Vain: it is completely empty and worthless to worry.

b) "Vain" is the same Hebrew word used in Exodus 20:7... *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in **vain** [to make his name worthless will bring it to nothing], for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in **vain**."*

(2) Do...

(a) Seek first the Kingdom... it's God's way!

1. "But **seek first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV

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b) Everything else will come; so don't worry!

(3) And the best news of all!

(a) You should put all of your worries off until tomorrow...

1. "Therefore **do not worry about tomorrow**, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. **Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.**" Matthew 6:34 NKJV

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D. Bigger barns

(1) One's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses!

(a) Beware of covetousness!

1. "Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" {15} **And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."**" Luke 12:13-15 NKJV

- a) What I own defines my life...
- b) So, I am intent on getting mine!

(b) **Warning** about “the abundance of the things” being your priority!

1. “Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, **‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.”**’ But God said to him, **‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’** “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”” Luke 12:16-21 NKJV

- a) If your priority is building for yourself a storehouse of wealth, you will come to realize, the easy way or the hard way, that you have proclaimed by your actions that you are impoverished when it comes to the things that God values most!

- b) And everything you stored away that you thought would bring you happiness and security will be consumed by someone other than you!
- c) Y'shua said it another way like this...
 - 1) "Then He said to them all, **"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,** and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For **whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"** Luke 9:23-25 NKJV

(2) Luke also has a beautiful rendition of "seek first the kingdom of God."

(a) Money bags which do not grow old!

- 1. "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. {33} **Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your**

treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke

12:31-34 NKJV

- a) The treasure you should be building should be that which has value to God! All else will fail.
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- 1. “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be** in holy conduct and godliness?” II Peter 3:11 NKJV

E. The Reckless Abandon Life (5 characters traits)

- (1) Love God and others with your whole soul!
 - (a) The Two greatest commands...
 - 1. “Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first

commandment of all?" Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And **you shall love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no other commandment greater than these.'" Mark 12:28-31 NKJV

(2) Focus on God and others, not self!

(a) Deny yourself and follow Christ

1. "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Luke 9:23 NKJV

(b) Give preference to others over your own interests!

1. "Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you**

look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:1-4 NKJV

2. “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor **giving preference to one another;**”
Romans 12:10 NKJV

(3) Abandon your own plans and dreams!

- (a) It is no longer about your life, but the life you now live, you live for Christ.

1. “I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live**, but Christ lives in me; and **the life which I now live** in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Galatians 2:20 NKJV

- (b) Your life was purchased at a great price; you don’t belong to you any longer.

1. “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and **you are not your own? For you were bought at a price;** therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” I Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV

(4) Think in Bible!

- (a) You have the mind of Christ.

1. “For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**”
I Corinthians 2:16 NKJV

(b) Renewed your mind daily.

1. “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 NKJV

(c) Take every thought captive in obedience to Christ.

1. “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ**, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” II Corinthians 10:4-6 NKJV

(d) Mediate on God’s word day and night.

1. “Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; **But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.**” Psalms 1:1-2 NKJV

(5) Be Content!

(a) Godliness with contentment is great gain—you were born with nothing and you will die with nothing (think Bigger Barns parable).

1. “Now **godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.** And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” I

Timothy 6:6-10 NKJV

(b) Be content in whatever conditions or circumstances you find yourself.

1. “But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for **I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:** I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and

in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:10-13 NKJV

F. The conclusion of the matter...

(1) The whole duty of man...sell it all and follow God!

(a) Fear God and keep His commandments

1. “Let us hear **the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.** For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 NKJV

a) This should be the conclusion of every Christian’s life!

(b) What must you do to get there?

1. ““Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like **treasure hidden in a field**, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and **sells all that he has and buys that field.**” Matthew 13:44 NKJV
2. ““Again, **the kingdom of heaven** is like a merchant **seeking beautiful pearls**, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, **went and sold all that he had and bought it.**” Matthew 13:45-46 NKJV

- a) Don't build bigger barns! Quite the opposite—sell everything in your barns and “Seek First the Kingdom of God...”
- b) Don't worry—whatever you need will come back to you—your Heavenly Father knows your needs.
- c) And, why worry today when all worry can be put off until tomorrow—and tomorrow never comes!

Summary: THE HIDING PLACE

1. Quietly Fulfilling Needs

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(1) Secret Charity

(a) This is how to perform your charitable deeds...

1. Provide for the needs of others privately without drawing attention to yourself; hypocrites want all the attention.
2. Why is it hypocrisy? Because they are really after the opposite of giving—they want to receive praise and accolades.
3. If you make a spectacle, God will overlook your good deeds and the accolades you receive from men will be your entire reward.
4. Be a secret blessing and God will reward you openly.

B. Quiet Prayer

(1) Secret Prayer

(a) This is where to pray...

1. Hypocrites pray out in the open for everyone to notice, and men noticing is their entire reward.
2. Be authentic and pray in private and God will reward you openly.
3. Don't think repeating the same prayer over and over will make it more effective.
4. Heathens repeat their ineffective mantras because they don't recognize the true God who already knows every need.

C. For God's Eyes Only

(1) Secret Fasting

(a) This is how to fast...

1. Don't act all mopey and weak, like the hypocrites who wish to get attention.
2. Man's recognition of your fasting will be your entire reward.
3. Do the opposite; actually appear bright and energetic and God will reward you openly.
4. Notice that charity, prayer and fasting done for others to see is considered hypocrisy.

Summary: PRAY LIKE THIS

2. The Model Prayer

A. Main Point

(1) The Lord's Prayer

(a) Key components to include in your prayer life...

1. Include these ideas in your prayer:

- 1) Heavenly Father, Your name is set apart.
- 2) Acknowledge that His kingdom will manifest in mankind.
- 3) Submit to His will being done in the natural world.
- 4) Recognize that both His kingdom and His will are reflections from Heaven.
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- 7) Ask to be guarded from temptation and protected from the devil.
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 - II. Yahweh is the source of all power!
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 - 1. You must forgive others unconditionally.
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Summary: THE EYE TRANSMITTER

3. Your Eyes Say Everything

A. Look in my eyes—what do you see?

(1) Open Your Eyes

(a) Shatter your limited version of reality...

- 1. We are introduced to this magnificent revelation.
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- 3. [Lamp] Greek: leukos; a portable lamp or other illuminator.
- 4. It shines **into the body**, apparently influenced by what you habitually gaze upon.
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- (a) Certainly on one side of the two-edged-sword is that what you look upon, and take in through your eyes, affects your entire being (spirit, soul and body).

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- (a) Eyes Closed

1. Paul was blind already—he just did not know it.
2. As he encounters Y'shua, the Messiah he could not see, the first thing he had to experience was his own blindness.

- (b) Eyes Open

1. Paul "...**was three days without sight**, and neither ate nor drank." Acts 9:9

2. Paul was blinded for three days, notably symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection.
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1. As Paul recounts his testimony of conversion to king Agrippa...
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4. Paul is to change what goes in and what comes out of people’s eyes!

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1. In an amazing exchange, Y’shua literally takes His own body fluid, which contains His DNA, and He spits into the eyes of a blind man—and his eyes are opened!
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- (a) It is no longer about your life, but the life you now live, you live for Christ.
- (b) Your life was purchased at a great price; you don't belong to you any longer.

(4) Think in Bible!

- (a) You have the mind of Christ.
- (b) Renewed your mind daily.
- (c) Take every thought captive in obedience to Christ.
- (d) Meditate on God's word day and night.

(5) Be Content!

- (a) Godliness with contentment is great gain—you were born with nothing and you will die with nothing (think Bigger Barns parable).
- (b) Be content in whatever conditions or circumstances you find yourself.

F. The conclusion of the matter...

(1) The whole duty of man...sell it all and follow God!

- (a) Fear God and keep His commandments
 - 1. This should be the conclusion of every Christian's life!
- (b) What must you do to get there?

1. Don't build bigger barns! Quite the opposite—sell everything in your barns and “Seek First the Kingdom of God...”
2. Don't worry—whatever you need will come back to you—your Heavenly Father knows your needs.
3. And, why worry today when all worry can be put off until tomorrow—and tomorrow never comes!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 6:1-8 & 16-18...

- A. What are the common admonishments regarding charitable deeds, prayer and fasting?
- B. How does Y'shua compare correct prayer with what the pagans do?

2. Y'shua gave us the model to use for prayer in Matthew 6:9-15...

- A. What are all the key components?
- B. What is the special warning about forgiveness?

3. The warning about what we look upon with our eyes and the effects it has on our inner being is well known.

- A. However, in Matthew 6:22-23, Y'shua likens our eyes to a lamp, which is not a receiver of light but a transmitter. Why? (Use Proverbs 4:19-23 & 27:19-21 to help.)
- B. In what ways are we taught to protect our eyes? (See: Psalms 119:18; 101:3; Job 31:1; I John 2:15-17)

4. Saul (the Apostle Paul) had an encounter with Y'shua on the road to Damascus in Acts 9...

- A. Immediately after, what happened to his eyes? (See Acts 9:8-9)
- B. What do you think that represented?
- C. Why do you think it was for three days?
- D. What occurred in Acts 9:17-19 and how might this relate to Matthew 6:22-23?

5. Paul later recounts his testimony to king Agrippa...

- A. What does he tell the king about his ministry that connects to what happened to his eyes? (See Acts 26:16-18)
- B. Relate Mark 8:22-26 and Ephesians 1:15-18 to Paul's testimony.

6. Because Y'shua compares the human eye to a lamp, an object that shines outward, you must be concerned for what your eyes are transmitting.

- A. What should be emanating from your eyes? (See: Matthew 5:16; Proverbs 4:19-23; 16:15)
- B. What should not be emanating from your eyes? (See: Romans 1:28-32; II Peter 2:12-14)
- C. How does the heart relate to the eyes? (See: Proverbs 4:20-21; Romans 1:20-21; Matthew 6:19-21)

7. What is in a man's heart is what he values most.

- A. Use Matthew 6:19-21 and Proverbs 27:19 to explain that statement.
- B. Explain why what is in a man's heart will eventually come out of him. (See: Proverbs 16:5, 21-23; Luke 6:45)
- C. What does God truly see? (Hint: I Samuel 16:7)

8. Your heart cannot serve two masters...

- A. Use Matthew 6:24 and I John 2:15-17 to explain.

9. Matthew 6:25-32 is revealing of many key ideas regarding our approach to life...

- A. What does it teach us about worry and provision? (Also support your answer with Philippians 4:6-7 and Psalms 127:2)
- B. We learned earlier about how pagans pray in Matthew 6:7. What conflicting thing do we learn about pagans in Matthew 6:25-32?

10. In Matthew 6:33-34 we are told to do and not to do...

- A. Do what? Why?
- B. Don't do what? Why?
- C. How does Luke 12:13-21 relate to Matthew 6:25-34?
- D. What does the strong admonition mean in Luke 12:21?
- E. What are we to do instead? (See Luke 9:23-34)

11. Write a short statement about each of these five character traits of "The Reckless Abandon Life for God":

- A. Love God and others with your whole soul! (See Mark 12:28-31)
- B. Focus on God and others, not self! (See: Luke 9:23; Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 12:10)
- C. Abandon your own plans and dreams! (See: Galatians 2:20; I Corinthians 6:19-20)
- D. Think in Bible! (See: I Corinthians 2:16; Romans 12:2; II Corinthians 10:4-6; Psalms 1:1-2)
- E. Be Content! (See: I Timothy 6:6-10; Philippians 4:10-13)

12. The whole duty of man is to live The Reckless Abandon Life for God...

- A. How does he begin? (See: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; Matthew 13:44-46)