



Essential Evangelization

Blind Spots

In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus heals a man who was blind by birth. As the story unfolds we also hear from various other characters that appear to be spiritually "blind." Did you know that we all have a physical vision "blind spot," but is it possible that we may also have a spiritual blind spot? Ones that others may see, but we cannot?

In the Psalms, David wrote: "Who can understand his errors? And "cleanse me from secret faults." Even this great King David who was called a man after God's own heart, was blinded by his error until the prophet Nathan held up a mirror to his sinful ways.

One typical blind spot is being judgmental of others who may not have the same religious or spiritual belief as us. Jesus even called the self righteous religious leaders of his day, "blind guides." Their mistakes were obvious, but they could not see them. We can take hope however in that many other great men of the Bible such as Jacob, Elijah, Moses, Jeremiah and Paul who at times let their human nature blind them to sin, yet they were all qualified for the Kingdom of God.

It is most commonly believed that the thing we hate most in others can very likely be the faults that we cannot see in ourselves. Can you think of a behavior in others that angers you most? Is it pride, hypocrisy, selfishness, arrogance, greed, laziness, prejudice, stubbornness or a sharp quick tongue? A close examination of conscience may reveal our own spiritual "blind spot." Other ways we can discern our own spiritual blind spot is by reading the Word of God which is sharper than any "two-edged sword," and through the sacraments and deep prayer.

Jesus said. "For as you judge, you will be judged: and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matt 7:2).

"Probe me, God, know my heart; try me, know my concern; See if my way is crooked, then lead me in thy ancient paths."

Psalm 139: 23-24

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