

NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"Like your finger prints, we can tell who you are by your eyes."

The "Eyes" Have It

If asked, most of us could come up with a short list of annoying things about wearing face masks. One of the things on my list is the inability to see whether or not a person is smiling. Equally as irritating is not being able to show someone that I am smiling at them. Fortunately, our eyes can still be seen.

Some people are able to smile with their eyes. It doesn't matter if most of their face is covered with a mask - you know they are smiling just by looking at their eyes. I don't think I have that gift, but I try. I squint my eyes just a little, I concentrate my thoughts on something really positive, and I lock my gaze on their eyes. If they look confused, I blink both eyes just once. I call it a double wink.

Eyes are very important to God. The word "eye" is mentioned in 44 verses of the Bible. For example, Matthew 22-23, "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!"

What is your body lamp focused on and illuminating? Does it shine on the things of God that can be seen in the world around you? His artwork displayed in the natural world, someone giving their stimulus check to another who really needs it, a child's prayer giving thanks for his friend of a different skin color? If it does, your whole body benefits and radiates God for others to see.

However, what happens when your body lamp is shining on the dark deeds of our current culture? Doesn't your whole body feel depressed and weak? Don't your eyes actually reflect the disgust or despair you are focusing on?

Your eyes are all others can see of your face in this Covid world. Ask God to draw your attention towards His work in our world so your eyes can reflect His beauty, goodness, and light to others.



Submitted by Charles's sister:

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*"Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full into His wonderful face."*

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