

2 Corinthians 4:6-18

⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹²So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. ¹⁵All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



5 KEYS TO WINNING THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

1. Prepare your mind 1 Peter 1:13-15
2. Guard your heart Proverbs 4:23
- 3. Fix your eyes 2 Corinthians 4:18**
4. Direct your feet Ephesians 6:15
5. Tame your tongue James 3:7-8

Fix Your Eyes - 2 Corinthians 4:6-18

2 Cor 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on _____

GOD'S LIGHT (v.6)

The light of God:

What do we tend to fix our eyes on?

How do we fix our eyes on what we cannot see? (Hebrews 12:1-2)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

JARS OF CLAY (v.7-10)

We are _____ people, living in a _____ world

The all-surpassing power of God:

v.8-9 Hard pressed but not _____

Perplexed but no _____

Persecuted but not _____d_____

Struck down but not _____

v.10 What does it mean to carry around in our body the death of Jesus?

How is Jesus revealed in our body?

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

v.16-17 ...inwardly we are being _____ day by day

v.18 How will I fix my eyes on what is unseen?

1. If truly living the dream is living for Jesus, what kind of life is it, and how does it compare to someone who doesn't know Jesus?
(base your response on this passage)
2. Read verse 6. What is the, 'darkness' that is referred to? What is the, 'light of the knowledge of the glory of God'? Also, explain how this changes everything in our lives
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. This passage gives four things that are necessary if we are going to be able to fix our eyes on what is unseen. What are they? Explain each one and how it applies to you.
4. Verse 7 says that we have this treasure in jars of clay. The imagery here is that we are fragile and easily broken people. 18th century theologian, Joseph Benson, puts it this way: "We have this treasure in frail, feeble, perishing bodies, formed out of the dust of the earth, and, because of sin, returning to it." How does this fact show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us?
5. Read verses 8-10. Explain what these verses mean in practical everyday living.

When I find myself struggling in the areas mentioned in verse 8 & 9, what can I do to focus my eyes on the things that are unseen?
6. Verses 13-15 weren't covered in the sermon. How is the grace that Paul refers to here causing thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God?
7. Verses 16 & 17 refer to a renewal that is taking place within us, despite the fact that outwardly we are, 'wasting away.' Explain the renewal process that is taking place in you.
8. What can you do to refocus your eyes on the unseen? What do you think would be the result in your daily life?