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**Title:** Only Possible With God  
**Text:** Luke 18:1-43



## INTRODUCTION

Every person is blind in at least 1 of 5 ways. If maybe you're thinking, "I'm not blind, so this message doesn't apply to me." Well then.....

### I. Blind to Our Own BLINDNESS

*"I used to think that no one knew me better than myself. I looked at myself through the carnival mirror of my self-righteousness... I didn't know I was blind, because spiritually blind people are blind to their blindness." - Paul Tripp*

*"We can be blind to the obvious, and we are also blind to our blindness." - Daniel Kahneman*

**Q? How can one possibly overcome blindness to their own blindness?  
(Jeremiah 13:23, Eccl. 4:9-10, Psalm 146:8)**

### II. Divine BLINDNESS

**Luke 19:37-42 (John 12:17-18, 2 Cor. 4:3-4, Eph. 2:2)**

*"...the devil roams about, but on God's leash.  
...Martin Luther once said, 'Even the Devil is God's devil.'" - Erwin Lutzer*

**Luke 18:31-34**

**Q? Why blind/protect disciples from seeing? Why then tell them at all?  
(John 12:16)**

**Q? If one is Divinely blinded, how is sight ever possible?  
(Acts 5:39, Luke 18:27)**

III. Physical BLINDNESS

**THE PARABLE (Luke 18:1-8)**  
*The Persistent Widow*

**THE PERSON (Luke 18:35-43)**  
*The Blind Begger*

**Q? What physical affliction blinds you from fully trusting God?**  
(Mark 9:21-24)

IV. Religious BLINDNESS

**THE PARABLE (Luke 18:9-12)**  
*The Self-righteous Pharisee*

**THE PERSON (Luke 18:18-27)**  
*The Rich Young Rule*

**Q? What good/godly things am I trusting in which keep me from following Him?**  
(John 5:39-40)

V. Child-like BLINDNESS

**THE PARABLE (Luke 18:13-14)**  
*The Humble Tax-collector*

**THE PERSON (Luke 18:15-17)**  
*The Little Children*

**Q? What's the point of my doing anything if it's only possible with God?**  
(Psalm 146:8, Matt.12:9-13, 2 Cor. 3:14-16)