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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. _____ 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. _____ 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. _____ 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. _____ 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. _____ 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)