

The true Christian does not live by what his natural eyes tell him

No longer living by sense knowledge & reasoning as do the unsaved & carnal Christians

2 Co 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight (*the natural faculties of sense and reason*).

2 Co 4:18 While we do not look at the things which are seen (*with natural eyesight*), but at the things which are not seen... (*but are very visible to spiritual eyes*)

Isa 11:3 ...He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

John 7:24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

Luk 17:20 ...The Kingdom of God does not come in such a way as to be seen (*with our natural eyes only with our spiritual eyes, that is with the heart*). TEV

On what basis then is the Christian to decide things how does he see– he sees spiritually

1 Pe 1:7-8 ...The revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love (*If I am a Christian this has already happened to me at least once, God revealed Jesus and what He did for me at Calvary to my heart, by making His Gospel words real to me – and I was enabled to see Him, spiritually*) Though now you do not see Him (*physically*) yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory (*if my Christian life is to continue it must continue this same way*)

Heb 11:1 Now faith is...the evidence of things not seen (*with our natural eyes but clearly seen with the spiritual eyes of our heart*).

Ps 25:15 My (spiritual) eyes are ever toward the LORD... (*always looking and always seeing Him as He is revealed, by His Spirit and by His Word, to my heart*)

Heb 12:2 Looking (in my heart) unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...

Matt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God (*my heart is the key*)

Heb 11:27 ...As seeing Him who is invisible .

This is the way Jesus lived in the days of His flesh – The Christian is to live the same way

John 5:19 Jesus answered...”The Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner”

John 5:30 (Jesus) I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear (*God speak to my Spirit with His still small voice – 1 Kings 19:12*), I judge (*or take my decisions*).

1 Jo 2:6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Mat 13:16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

What does it mean to have spiritual eyes and ears? A tender heart that understands God

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.*

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know...

Lu 24:45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Acts 16:14 ...Lydia...worshiped God...The Lord opened her heart to heed (*to understand and receive*) the things (*the words*) spoken by Paul.

Does the Christian then simply abandon altogether natural eyesight and reasoning - No

It means that I always look first to spiritual discernment, that is, to what God is saying to me in my heart and secondly to the natural faculties of my five physical senses and my mental reasoning - and have decided to subordinate the latter if the two are in conflict.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down arguments (*or reasonings*) and every high thing (*head thought*) that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (*who by Word and Spirit lives in my heart*)

1 Co 2:14-15 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges (*discerns*) all things, yet he himself is rightly judged (*discerned*) by no one (who is not also spiritual).

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit (*of God*) Himself bears witness (*communicates*) with our spirit...

Are my spiritual eyes open? Or have I closed them or had them closed due to unbelief?

Mat 13:15-16 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts

2 Thes 2:10 ...Because they did not receive the love of the truth (*God's word is truth*)

2 Co 4:3-4 If the Good News we preach is hidden to anyone, it is hidden from the one who is on the road to eternal death. Satan, who is the god of this evil world, has made him blind, unable to see...or to understand... (*spiritual things*) TLB

Mar 8:35-36 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, (*to hold on to a life or lifestyle in part or in whole that is independent of God*) but whoever loses his life (*surrenders it*) for My sake and the gospel's will save it (*eternally*).

Whose spiritual eyes then remain open so that they see and hear God clearly?

Luke 4:18 ...(Jesus) He has sent Me...To proclaim...recovery of sight to the blind...

Matt 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field (*he abandons all other priorities in life for the sake of Jesus Christ*).

Ps 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High (*living in his own spirit*)

Matt 6:6 ...Your Father who is in the secret place... (*He who lives there lives in God*)

Jo 15:4 (Jesus) Abide (live) in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide (live) in Me.

What if as a Christian I choose not to walk by faith but insist on walking by sight & reason

Then It is impossible now for me to know or to do God's will (Rom 8:8) I am no longer in a place where I can receive God's blessings since they are all revealed spiritually (1 Cor 2:8-10, 12) my heart has been hardened and is therefore unbelieving and evil (Heb 3:8 & 12) I am walking again according to the course of this world, unrighteous and in disobedience to God and I am again under the influence of the spirit of disobedience (Eph 2:2) I do not understand that no unrighteous person will inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9) I need to turn again, in my heart, to the wisdom of the righteous (Luke 1:17).

Mat 6:22 The light of the body is the eye (*the spiritual eye*): if therefore your eye is single (*not double or twisted having loyalties other than to God*), your whole body shall be full of light (*and you will walk in the light, God is the light, you will see Him who is invisible and you will not walk any more in spiritual darkness*). KJV

How beautiful it must be to the heart of the Father to hear His children speak of things they have seen with their spiritual eyes – how sad it must be to the Father when all His children talk about is what they have seen with their natural eyes.