

# THE CHRISTIAN TEEN/YOUTH

## 4. See it as Jesus sees it

*...“In your life together, think the way Christ Jesus thought.” Phil. 2:5*

Perspective is a major element that determines how one judges what the eyes see in any situation. It is not a honorable thing to force someone to give the same judgment with you on a matter. In life everyone has right to life, and is subject to his own judgmental approach. Even God does not force any human being to accept his free gift of salvation, he respects the freedom of choice he gives to us.

But for being a follower of Christ, as a teenager who has made up his mind to seek the Lord from teenage hood like Josiah (2 Chron. 34:3), it is to your full advantage that your perception of everything in the world is now narrowed down to just the way Jesus saw and perceived things, Congratulations!

You need a good eye to see as Jesus sees.

**“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! NKJV**

**“The only source of light for the body is the eye. If you look at people and want to help them, you will be full of light. But if you look at people in a selfish way, you will be full of darkness. And if the only light you have is really darkness, you have the worst kind of darkness. Matthew 6:22-23 ERV.**

Unless you keep seeing Jesus correctly, you will never be able to see how he does things, and following how he sees things.

Being in Christ is supposed to change everything about your life, and how you judge things, no longer as one born carnally, but as one born of the Spirit and of the word of God. Yes, you'll still maintain your physical form but you are now a new creature spiritually (2 Cor. 5:17), and should allow the nature of the new creation life dominate and coordinate your judgment of everything in life. This looks impossible to some, but that's the truth and Jesus says it is possible (Mark 9:23). *“Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.” (Rom. 6:16 NLT)*

Dear Christian teenager, you need to know that, how you see man, God and every activity on earth defines the direction which your life takes, as you journey through the earth. You are now

expected to see all things just as Jesus saw all things. The coordination of your entire life activities should be in accordance with the dictates of the life of Christ residing in you. But how can you do that?

**And He said to all, If any person wills to come after Me, let him deny himself [disown himself, forget, lose sight of himself and his own interests, refuse and give up himself] and take up his cross daily and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying also].** Luke 9:23 AMPC

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You really need to pray to God to baptize you with the spirit of wisdom and revelation, for you to truly know him and also that your heart will be flooded with light, that you might know Jesus, and understand how you should relate and respond to what goes on here on earth. “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light...” This means, how well your life in Christ will go depends on the goodness of your spiritual eye sight. Beloved, being in Christ means, you are to live with his mindset on every matter (Phil. 2:5). Unless you begin to deny yourself and consciously keeping aside the natural ways in which a particular thing is being done on earth, or as you use to do it, you might not be able to let him do it the new way inside of you.

You are to see money and relate with it as he did. As a male teenager, you are to see the young sisters and relate with them as Jesus did it, and vice versa. When it comes to writing any promotional examination or interview, be careful with the ‘current methods’ devised by the world to do it. You have no contract with sin, which means, you are to live daily in the consciousness of God’s righteousness that has been inputted into you. You are to operate in the light of his truths about every matter: Jesus prayed for his enemies (Luke 23:24), you should do same (Matthew 5:43-44). He did much good to both the poor and rich, Jews and Gentiles, educated and uneducated alike. He saw sinners with compassion, encouraged the timid, and justified the ones condemned by the public to die (John 8:1-12). He saw the helpless as people who needs his ministry. He saw children as possessors of the kingdom of God, not as disturbances (Matt. 19:14); *he saw every environment as the place he should do ministry, a platform created by the Father for the work of the ministry* – that’s why he went from town to town, village to village, city to city preaching, teaching, healing the sick and freeing those oppressed of the devil, and God was indeed with him to the end, just he has promised to be with us from now to the end of the age (Matt. 18:20). Even though he could defend himself, he followed them and submitted to them (Luke 2:51). So many Christian teenagers do not submit to their parents or elderly ones because they feel they are more enlightened, yet they lack the experiences of this ‘old-school’ folks, as they call them today.

**Strengthen [Arm] yourselves so that you will live here on earth [ the rest of the time in the flesh] doing what God wants [the will of God], not the evil things people want [*or* not pursuing your own human desires].**  
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**From now on, then, you must live the rest of your earthly lives controlled by God's will and not by human desires. 1 Pet. 4:2 GNB**

May the Lord help you to yield your eyes to him, that Christ might show you that which pleases the Father about a particular direction, situation or activity. May we all learn to talk, believe, see, perceive, dress, eat, sleep, pray, do ministry, relate with others, and do all other things as Jesus did it.