



Open Your Missional Eye



“Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness?” Luke | Acts 3:12 (NLT)

Your "Missional Eye"

As a kid, I'd wake early Sunday morning to assemble the different sections of the newspaper in preparation for delivery. Inevitably, I'd find myself distracted reading the comics which included a "Magic Eye" image, one of my favorite challenges.

At first it could take more than 15 minutes for my eye to lift the hidden 3-D image from the colored pattern; a few times I could not even get it, frustrating! Over time, I learned that with just the right squint I could see it in a flash. Sadly, I'm sure most people never got past the strange pattern. Not wanting to bother, they missed an opportunity.

You'd be surprised how many opportunities pass by without you knowing. Lacking an eye opened to spot them, opportunities to advance your Life Mission remain hidden in the background.

"A third time he asked him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?'"

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you."

Jesus said, 'Then feed my sheep'" John 21:17 (NLT)

The Apostle Peter, charged by Jesus to bring the Good News to the people of Israel, had such an eye. You might say his "Missional Eye" was opened so he could spot opportunities to advance his Life Mission in the midst of his daily life.

Removing the Blinders

Our Life Missions cannot advance when our Missional Eye is covered. The challenge is that there is no program or effort you can exert to remove the blinders. You cannot uncover your Missional Eye by yourself.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus Christ | Acts 1 (NLT)

Peter had walked with Jesus for three years; he knew him and his teachings very well; he even saw him alive after the crucifixion, a true believer! There was no question about what he was charged to do after Jesus finished hammering him, asking “do you love me?” three times.

These experiences and understandings were good and necessary foundations for his ministry. But, it was not until the Holy Spirit filled him that he gained the eye to spot his missional opportunities. The power of the Holy Spirit removed Peter’s blinders.

“So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Instantly something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes...” Acts 9:17-18 (NLT)

The Apostle Paul was no different, unable to see until the filling of the Spirit removed the scales from his eyes. Your blinders must be removed likewise. The Spirit moves you from a position of simply believing in Jesus and knowing your Life Mission, to having the Missional Eye needed to accomplish what Jesus has asked you to do.

Ask, Ask, Ask

God sent the Holy Spirit to help us carry on the work of Jesus until his return. We fall into the trap of attempting to advance our Life Missions without opening the Missional Eye made available through the power of the Spirit. We fail to ask to be filled.

Coach's Question: How hungry are you?

If you only ask to be filled once in a while, opportunities pass you by. Without constant filling you'll run empty. Malnourished, you'll fail to advance your Life Mission. Instead...weekly, daily, throughout the day...always... ask, ask, ask for the Spirit to fill you and open your...

...Missional Eye

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."
Jesus Christ | Matthew 5:6 (NIV)



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