

Biblical Encouragement for Moms

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Blind Women

The Bible refers to a “blindness” that describes people who are unaware of some very important things in life. These men or women may be saved, but cannot see potential dangers, and may not at all be prepared for the future of their children. These (women, in our case) have not fully appreciated all that God has done for them ~ the promises of scripture, including the gift of eternal life.



How sad, to be blind to the blessings and knowledge that God gives!

As Mothers, and children of God, we need to be alert to God’s will for our lives. Now let’s read **II Peter 1:1-9** for an understanding of what it means to be a “blind woman.” What can we learn?

The Lord tells us in II Peter 1:4 that God has given us **exceeding great and precious promises. He also says that we are partakers of the divine nature, and that we have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

How thankful are we for these provisions in our life? Just think of it - you have a divine nature, the Holy Spirit, living inside of you, to enable you to make godly decisions! We can choose right, and live a godly life.

Jesus doesn’t stop there. He tells us to add some things to our faith, so that we will be **continually fruitful**. Did you notice that? You can be fruitful and useful in your Christian life. No Christian needs to be barren or unfruitful. The choice is yours. **Take a look at Psalm 1:1-3.** Jesus teaches us how to progress to being fruitful.

Now, Let’s look back at II Peter and see what Jesus says to those who do not take the initiative to grow in their faith.

Look at II Peter 1:9

*“But he that lacketh these things is **blind**, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.”*

As mothers, we need to pay close attention to this passage. The Lord is going to share something that will open our eyes spiritually. Some will be blind to these things, but may you be alert ~ both eyes open!

The person who lacks these things is blind, according to II Peter 1:9

1. **virtue** (moral excellence, strength of courage)
2. **knowledge** (information, facts) *keep learning!*
3. **temperance** (restraining some impulse, control over excess)
4. **patience** (quiet, steady perseverance, bearing annoyance)
5. **godliness** (great reverence & devotion to God)
6. **brotherly kindness** (a kindness that is outward - to others, not just inward & upward!)
7. **charity** (generosity, the mature love of a Christian, as seen in I Corinthians 13 - beareth all things, seeketh not her own, rejoiceth in the truth, etc.)



In order that we not be blind women, we must “give all diligence” to these areas, as Jesus says in II Peter 1:5. *Review them often.*

I have a small poster for you to hang in your home, as a reminder.