



## Sermon Discussion Guide

**“DEALING WITH SPIRITUAL BLIND SPOTS”**  
**(Building Godly Character – Part 4)**  
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**Icebreaker:** What is the one bad habit you wished you could change?

**THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE.**

**OUR DESIRE IS THAT YOU WOULD USE THIS “GUIDE” TO LEAD YOU INTO DEEPER PERSONAL STUDY.**

*“<sup>22</sup>Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. <sup>23</sup>But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is! (Matt. 6:22-23) [NLT]*

God desires every believer to be shaped more and more into the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit works with our personalities to change us so that we acknowledge where we need to change. When I am in control of my personality, I will leave damage in my wake. When God is in control of my personality I will leave blessings in my wake. In order to change, we must acknowledge we have blind spots that produce bad fruit in us. What is a blind spot and how can we work in tandem with the Holy Spirit to remove them?

### Questions:

1. *“For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him – and all along he knew who would – should become like his Son . . .”* (Romans 8:29a) [TLB] All of us are blind because we have places where we lack clarity, insight and awareness of ourselves and our patterns of reacting and relating in life. Why is there a very profound disconnect between how people see themselves and how others see them? How can a blind spot affect every relationship?
2. *How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don’t let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.* (Psalm 19:12-13) We have blind spots. We either don’t recognize them or choose to ignore them. They may be caused by pain, pride, fear, laziness, stubbornness, or trauma. Take a moment and jot down some thoughts about how this has affected you.
3. Share an example from the Bible of someone who discovered a blind spot and how he or she overcame it. There are many of them, but if you need help, look at Esther 4, 2 Samuel 11, Acts 10 or Acts 8:9-24.
4. *“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”* Galatians 5:22a (TLB) When you recognize a blind spot in your life, you can (a), choose to ignore it, or (b), acknowledge it and stop bad behavior, or (c), acknowledge it and let God root it out. What are the benefits and downside of each of these methods in dealing with a blind spot?
5. What parts of you do you long for God to transform or change? What attitudes or behaviors do you think prevent your life from shining a light in the world?

