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"Enhanced Vision"

"Then Elisha prayed and said, 'O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.' So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha." (2 Kings 6:17)

Anointed Understanding

Isaiah 11:2-4 – [2]"And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [3]And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4]but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked."

1 John 2:27 – "But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him."

Risky Vision Impairments:

(1) First Impressions

Proverbs 18:17 – "The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.

Proverbs 14:12; 16:25 – "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

James 1:19 – "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger"

(2) Flesh Impressions

<u>1 Samuel 16:6-7</u> – 6"When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.' 7But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.'"

<u>Proverbs 31:30</u> – "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

<u>John 7:24</u> – "Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

(3) Faulty Self-Assessment

<u>Daniel 4:29-30</u> – 29"At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, 30and the king answered and said, 'Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?'"

<u>Isaiah 49:3-4, 6</u> – 3"And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' 4But I said, 'I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.' 6(*God)* says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'"

(4) Myopic Madness

<u>Luke 12:16-20</u> – 16"And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'"

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)