

## **Blind as a Bat!**

**Spiritual blindness is the inability to “SEE” spiritually what God wants for us.**

Eph 4:18 Having the **understanding darkened**, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the **blindness** of their heart: (heart has become hardened and lost its perception to see the things of God clearly)

**Darkened:** a hardened heart causes the understanding, (imagination) to be dark (*obscured, blocked*).

To become obstinate, to withstand, to render stubborn, to become stupid or callous.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became **vain in their imaginations**, and their **foolish heart was darkened**.

### **Godly Imagination -**

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Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Faith is the reality of the picture that we see in our hearts before we see it with our natural eyes.

Our imagination forms the picture of what we have thought and that picture is what faith works with to bring into the natural the manifestation. If we cannot see or do not have the picture within us then there is nothing that faith has to work with.

### **What we cannot see in our spirit, we will never have or walk in.**

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We may have HOPE that something will happen but unless we allow our imagination to paint the picture, nothing happens. We can know the promise, quote the promise but we have no picture of the promise in us.

Have you ever said, I cannot see myself doing that. I cannot see myself ever being different. I cannot see how we can ever get out of debt. I cannot imagine myself working for God. And on and on the list goes.

- When we cannot see in our spirits the promise of God the manifestation does not come.
- Throughout scripture are recorded, people coming to Jesus because they heard of Him and they began to see themselves receiving what Jesus had and what Jesus did.

**What is a thought?** The process of thinking -

**How do we think?** We reflect, remember, see an image, or picture of a subject that is stored in the mind.

To meditate, recall, process, analyze, decipher, comprehend, contemplate, be inspired, ponder, form a mental picture, to form an idea, envision, reason (consecutive logical thinking)

- I began to think and had a thought, I thought it was a good idea, and I can see the picture in my mind of my original thought.

Pro 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:

2Co 10:5 Casting down **imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- The very first part of this verse indicates that we have imaginations, and we should cast down, get rid of those against God, but keep those that line up with God.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or **think**, according to the power that **worketh** in us, (we must let God “work” in us, around us, & through us.)

- This verse clearly says that it is a God thing that we imagine, think big, have a mental image of things that are beyond our scope of “the norm” – but reach way out and then realize God can do better – **Stop having small thinking, small vision, small imagination.**

### **How does IMAGINATION work?**

**Imagine:** to weave or to fabricate a mental image, **conceive**, to think, to reckon, and so forth

- **We conceive in our imagination**
- **Remembrance is by our imagination**

**Conceived:** to apprehend by reason or imagination, to cause to begin : ORIGINATE, to become pregnant

- **No conception – No Birth**

To receive that which will ultimately bring forth God's plan and purpose, His will. To reproduce heavenly offspring, fruit, to reproduce every Godly aspect, character, image, likeness etc.

**Examples:**

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Our building at Baywood – when we saw this building for the first time it was a total mess. But when we walked through the doors, we could see how it was to be for us and for this ministry. We had the imagination we had conceived and it was brought forth.

**Abraham**

Gen 22:17 That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;

- Abraham has to get this picture within him or it would have never come to pass. It took a while too.
- At one point for 13 years God did not talk to Abraham because he did not believe the word God said. But when Abraham finally got hold of the picture within himself the results are reflected in Rom 4:20,21 -

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

**Abraham with Isaac**

- God told Abraham to take his son Isaac up on the mountain and sacrifice him there. He did as God asked him and God provided a substitute sacrifice in the ram. Note this was the promised seed, he had to kill the seed that God promised. But Abraham had conceived in his imagination and by his faith he saw this:

Heb 11:19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

**Tower of Babel –**

Gen 11:5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

Gen 11:6 And the Lord said, Behold, they are one people and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do, and now nothing they have **imagined** they can do will be impossible for them.

- These people had gotten into perfect unity and had put there **imaginations** to work so that the whole bunch has one picture of what they wanted to do. The principle was good, the motive of the heart was bad. God came down and stopped it.

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**How do we see the things that are eternal? – With our imaginations, (hope) connected to our faith!**

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

**The word “mind” has the same meaning as the word “imagination” – So we have perfect peace when our picture maker is stayed on God – our imaginations staying full of the pictures and images from God's Word.**