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WORDS of life

Spiritual nearsightedness

Since my mid-teens I have had to wear glasses because I was shortsighted, meaning I can see close up but things at a distance are blurry. Being able to see things at distance makes all the difference, with glasses I can take in a bigger picture, so when standing on a mountain top (given a clear day), I can drink in the view and also see my way, the route and the destination.

In his second letter Peter uses nearsightedness as an analogy of spiritual life. It sounds somewhat counterintuitive; focusing on our inner life might seem narrow or introspective but in actual fact it when done in the right way we are focused on the big picture values of the kingdom; virtue, knowledge, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. It's a relatively short list, but these are the broad brush strokes of the Christian life – the essence of a life that is being lived out in Christ Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit. He goes on to declare that anyone who lacks these things is 'so nearsighted that he is blind'.

When we are nearsighted we tend to do two things; we see the faults in others (rather than ourselves); and we become overly concerned with trivial matters, such as trying to get ahead in life. Peter's words are a strong reminder that we must resist such short sighted living and focus on that which is eternal. Therefore let us refocus on being a kingdom people by being determined to pursue Jesus so that we might know him and be like him, possessing in ever greater measure the virtues of the kingdom.

Paul

KLC notices

If you have children under the age of 18 please register them with Vicky Andrew in the Community Hall from 10.00am on Sunday morning. They may also be registered during the group sessions.

Children

Lifeways

Over the next few weeks we are going to look at the minor prophets beginning with Jonah on Friday 22nd September. We will meet at Ruth's house at 10.00am. All ladies most welcome to come and join with us as we spend time in God's presence around His word.

Teaching Day "Rise up!"
Saturday 23rd September, 10.00am—1.00pm
Refresh Cafe at Kingdom Life Church

Jesus is risen and makes us arise. This morning of teaching will help make it real.

Way Of The Spirit



KLC diary

MONDAY 11.00am Kingdom Life Tots

TUESDAY 1.00pm Coffee and Cake in Springs Family

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 1.00pm Jobsclub

1.00pm Coffee and Cake in Springs Family

FRIDAY 7.00pm Life

7.30pm Spring Boroughs Youth Hub

SATURDAY

SUNDAY 10.30am Sunday Service

6.30pm Evening Meeting

Visitors Lunch will be on 24th September. If you would like to attend please fill in your details on the Visitor Card in the Refresh Café Area and we will get in touch.

KLC prayer

- For the Small Groups.
- For our Children's Workers.
- For Jaci Parr.