

**Anxious-less: Principle # 2 Watch where you are going- Vision.
Matthew 6:22-23.**

Why is it essential for Christ's disciples to have a clear vision of God's redemptive future to overcome the darkness of worry and anxiety?

A clear vision of God's redemptive future is essential because...

I. Vision determines your destination: leaders light the way Matthew 6:22 (cf. Eph 1:18, Lk 11:33-34, Phil 2:15-16).

- a. Biblical vs. worldly vision: from the inside out – a public testimony based on the faith and conviction born from receiving the word of God 2 Peter 1:19.
- b. The qualifications of a good vision: “a healthy eye” - ἀπλοῦς (twice in NT here and Lk 11) “simple, without ulterior motive, unambiguously, wholeheartedly” (TDNT), a testimony that lights the way cf. Luke 11: 33-34, John 5:35.

II. Vision protects you from self-deception: leaders stay humble and focused aware of their own limitations Matthew 6:23, Luke 6:37-42.

- a. A bad eye (vision)- thinking we are so right when we are so wrong (self-deception): pride and selfish ambition (the right thing the wrong way becomes the wrong thing): a double vision that chases the right thing the wrong way.
- b. Our need for constant discipleship recalibration Luke 6:37-42, John 9:39-41.

**Anxiety thrives in the darkness of duplicity and self-deception
But a clear vision of Christ's redemptive future
gives us the light of his hope.
Set your eyes on Jesus!**

1. Where is your life headed if it were to be judged by your everyday actions? Jesus wants his followers to have a clear picture of his plan to set them free from the fears of everyday worry. Meditate on his promise in John 8:12 and ask him to help you walk in his light and life.
2. Single-mindedly fixing our eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) demands that he becomes our life's uncompromising point of reference and his will becomes ours. Are you willing to say no to yourself to say yes to him?