

Blind Spots

✖ I was recently
scared—really, really scared. I saw something that so
frightened me it threw me
back and stopped me cold in my tracks. What I saw was ugly,
threatening and
dangerous. It was large, intimidating and daunting. What was
it? Spots! I saw
spots.

I have seen spots that freaked me out before—age spots ... well
just
one, but it was there and its presence was horrifying. I have
seen other spots
too: sore spots, weak spots and soft spots. But none of
these shook me like the spots I saw recently: blind spots.

Blind
spots don't show up very often. They hide, camouflaged nicely
in their
environment. But on this day, the blind spot was there, right
out in the open—a
visible sighting. I should probably mention that the blind
spot I observed
wasn't my own—the reason I was able to see it. Blind spots by
nature are hard to
detect when they belong to you. They are much more evident to
the onlooker. And
that's what I saw—a blind spot in the life of another, yet
clearly observed by
friends and family. The scary part, however, was not that
there was a blind spot
at all—we all have them. No, the truly terrifying part was
that what was clearly
evident to us was completely invisible to her.

I know spots are sneaky.

One minute they are there—visible, touchable, noticeable—and the next minute

they fade away, leaving you to wonder if you really saw them or felt them at

all. That's the assignment of spots: Get in and get out as quickly as you

can. But on this day those blind spots were sluggish and stayed

around until it was so blatantly obvious something had to be done. Some friends

and I tried to carefully uncover the blind spot and bring it to our friend's

attention. You see, once a blind spot is revealed, it becomes declawed and moves

into a new category called "weak spots I am working on." The goal that day was

simply to help someone see that her blind spot was destroying her life, her

relationships and her successes.

What happened next was frightening. You

have never heard such a clamor. Let's just say the introduction did not go well.

"Owner this is your blind spot. Blind spot this is your owner." There was

definitely no love connection here. The introduction was met with intense

rejection, denial and great hostility. It was instantly dismissed as our

problem. We were informed that this was our distortion and insanity. No merit

was given to this blind spot at all. Instead we were written off for even daring

to escort it into her conscience. We were dissed on all fronts—dismissed,

disrespected and disbelieved. Had we not quickly gotten out of

there, we might have been dismembered as well.

Yes, I was scared.

Scared for her and her future of course, but more scared for myself. What are my blind spots like? I shuddered to think. I left that day determined to discover my blind spots. I don't care how ugly they are or how many they have grown into. I want to see them.

I still feel that way today. I want to know how I am perceived. I want to know what others see that I am blind to. I know it will take the eyes of others to reveal my spots. But I want to know, no matter how vicious they may be. It will take the willingness of a few brave souls to make the introduction, but I am ready. I can only become better for it, more refined and less abrasive.

I can't live with the notion that I am spot-free, and neither can you. Why not take the challenge and invite a few faithful friends to be on the lookout for your blind spots? Don't let fear or pride stop you from becoming a better person.

The following Scriptures will help you find blind spots in your life:

Search light of
the Holy Spirit—Psalm 139:23-24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (NKJV).

Faithful Friends—Proverbs 27:6

“Faithful

are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

Humility to hear it.—James 1:19

“Let every man be swift to

hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.”

Trust to accept it—Proverbs

2:1-6

“My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you,

so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding;

yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding,

if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you

will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the

Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”

PRAYER POWER FOR THE WEEK OF 6/7/2010

This week thank the Lord that He loves you too much to leave you the way you are. Ask Him to help you examine your heart and show you what needs to change. Invite Him to create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you. Thank Him for showing you your blind spots and transforming you into His image. Continue to bless those who have hurt you and pray for those suffering from loss of income, health and loved ones. Pray that our government leaders would make wise decisions concerning the welfare of our nation and its relationships worldwide. Pray for the protection of our borders and resources, as well as the peace of Jerusalem. Ps. 139:23-24