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Things Satan Blinds Us To

(Matthew 15:14, NKJV; Luke 6:39-40, NCV; 2 Peter 1:5-9, TLB)

Once saved Satan can't have our souls, but He blinds us by making us believe lies. He wants to blind us to being effective for God's Kingdom.

I. 4 Things Satan Blinds Us To:

1. How selfish we really are. (Jeremiah 17:9-10, KJV)
 - a. Wanting our *preference* causes us to miss *God's presence*.
 - b. We need to learn to put away our selfish desires—doing life God's way causes us to be fruitful and useful.
 - c. We can only know our heart by God's Word and His Fruit. (Matthew 12:33, NCV)
2. Come to Church instead of *becoming* the church.
 - a. God wants us to come to *little c - Journey Church*.
 - b. Leave furthering the *Big C - Universal Church*.
 - c. Then, we will enjoy the *Ultimate C - Christ*.
3. Praying for our pleasure, preference, priority, and personal needs to be met instead of God's purpose for our life.
 - a. Result when pain and problems come we miss the purpose in the pain—we are focused on physical needs being met instead of our spiritual needs being met. (Matthew 16:24-27, NKJV)
 - b. Satan keeps us so focused on our own needs we fail to share the “Good News” which is Jesus Christ—instead of “Restoring Broken Lives” our lives remain broken. (Matthew 9:35-38, NCV)
 - c. God wants to give us a godly confidence—He wants us to be Courageous and Contagious.
 - d. We must learn to deny ourselves.
4. We miss who the real enemy is. (Ephesians 6:12, NKJV; Ephesians 6:11-12, NCV)

II. The Truth About Finding Your Purpose.

1. “Follow Me”—Simply doing life together. (Matthew 4:19, NKJV)
2. The Results of Doing Life Together:
 - a. We become Fishers of Men—people are saved!

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- b. We learn *what* we are to do—**GO!** (Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV)
- c. We learn *how* we are to do –in the **Power of the Holy Spirit**. (Acts 1:8, NKJV)
- d. We change our focus from physical to spiritual which helps us learn *why* we have not lead others to Christ! (Acts 1:6-7, NKJV)
- e. Brings unity. (Acts 2:41, NKJV)
- f. We will have problems and persecution, but others will come to know the Lord. (Acts 4:3-4, NKJV)
- g. **Boldness** to overcome personal problem and leads to *spiritual purpose* and **blessings**. (Acts 4:13, NKJV)
- h. Focusing on our *spiritual purpose* turns **threats** into **triumphs**. (Acts 4:17-22, NKJV)