

## “I Want Spiritual Cataract Surgery! : A Warning Against Deception”

### Bullet points from the video (May 2020):

- We all see through the lens of The Kingdom of God (Light) *or* the lens of the kingdom of this world (darkness, ruled by Satan, the prince of the air) (review wk 3 Bootcamp pp. 14-22)
- Characteristics of looking through the lens of the Kingdom of God/Light: CLARITY, CLEAR VISION, WISDOM, PEACE (all of the “5:22 stuff”- see Galatians 5:22)
- Characteristics of looking through lens of kingdom of darkness: CLOUDINESS, DOUBLE-MINDED, CONFUSION, DECEPTION, “anything opposite of peace” (opposite “5:22 stuff”)
- The great problem with deception is that *you do not know when you are being deceived*. You know when you are confused, you know when you are fearful, worried, all the “opposite of peace” stuff but **when you are deceived, you do not know it, it seems right to you.**
- Survey said that 50-60% of Bootcampers at week 1 were currently struggling with fear and worry. Through which kingdom lens were they seeing things? Answer: The world (kingdom of darkness). Were they set up to be deceived? Unfortunately, the answer is yes.
- What’s the solution to “our problem” (because we are a team)- SPIRITUAL CATARACT SURGERY! We must see through the clear lens of The Kingdom of God (Light).

### Verses about Deception:

- James 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”
- Galatians 6:7 “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:33 “Do not be deceived” ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’”
- 2 Corinthians 11:3 “But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”
- Colossians 2:8 “See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”
- Ephesians 5:6 “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient.”
- 2 Timothy 3:13-14 “While evildoers and imposters will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have been convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it.”
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 “...and all the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie.”
- Matthew 24:24 “For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”
- Job 15:31 “Let him not deceive himself by trusting what is worthless, for he will get nothing in return.”

*“Father, in the Name of Jesus, we come boldly to your throne of grace and we ask you to perform spiritual cataract surgery on us. We ask you to forgive us for the many times we have looked through the cloudy lens of the kingdom of this world- when we choose to be fearful or worried when you command us to not fear or worry. We repent and ask you to turn our eyes from worthless things. We humble ourselves and get up on your surgery table. We will be still. We trust Your Hands. We trust Your Ways. We trust Your Word. Deliver us from cloudy vision and cloudy thinking. By the authority we have in the Name of Jesus we command deception to go! We thank you for giving us a fresh new lens by which we clearly can see TRUTH. Amen.”*