

"GAINING A GOOD EYE"

1. What idioms do you find most peculiar in your language? In another language? Have you have been in a position where there was a misunderstanding of an idiom? What happened?

2. What does the expression "The lamp of the body is the eye" mean in its original Hebraic context? What does it mean to have "good eye" or a "bad eye"?

3. What does Jesus mean by the statement, "You cannot serve God and mammon"? What are the symptoms of a person who serves mammon rather than God?

4. How does the story of Judas and his betrayal reflect the choice between serving God and wealth? In what ways can followers of Christ today avoid falling into the pitfall?

5. Why is it important to study the Jewish background of Jesus and the idiomatic expressions used in His teachings?

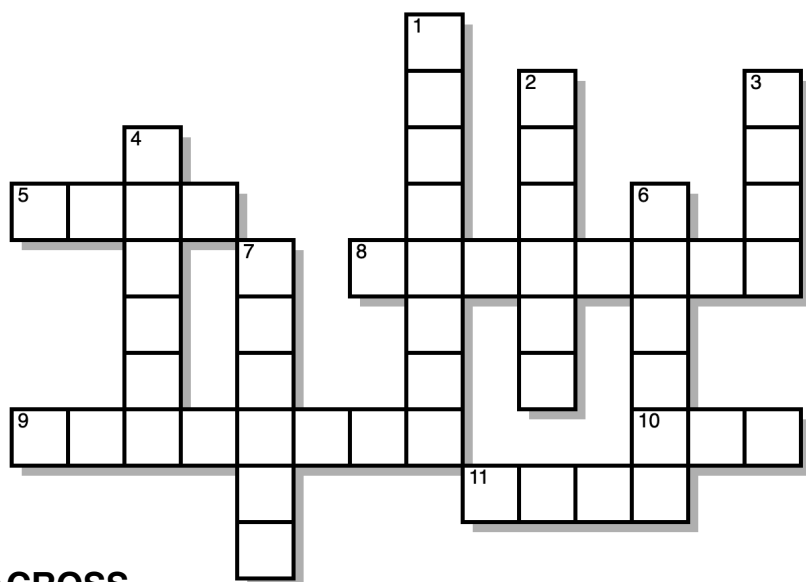
6. Explore the connection between righteousness (*tzedakah*) and charity in the biblical context. How does the Hebrew word "*tzedakah*" shed light on Jesus' teachings about giving to the poor?

7. Discuss instances from the Bible where characters demonstrated a "good eye" by being generous.

8. Reflect on Acts 2:42-47 and the early church's communal living. How can this model inspire generosity in modern Christian communities?

9. Share personal experiences or examples of individuals demonstrating a "good eye" by giving generously.

10. What steps can you take to cultivate a "good eye" and a generous spirit in your own life?

**ACROSS**

5 The disciples thought Jesus might have asked Judas to go and give some money to the _____.

8 "[But] when you give to the needy, do not announce it with _____" (Matthew 6:2)

9 Having a "good eye" in Hebrew means being _____. (Matthew 6:22-23)

10 The lamp of the body is the _____. (Matthew 6:22)

11 "Kindness to the poor is a _____ to the Lord, and he will give a reward to the lender." (Proverbs 19:17)

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1 "Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or is your eye bad because I am _____?" (Matthew 20:15)

2 According to Matthew 6:24, you cannot serve both God and _____.

3 Beer Lahai Roi means "well of the Living One who _____ me".

4 "Now all the believers were together and held all things in _____." (Acts 2:44)

6 Jesus encourages his followers to lay up for themselves treasures in _____. (Matthew 6:20)

7 Jesus was sold for this many pieces of silver.

WORD SEARCH:

Expressions	Hagar
Lamp	Abraham
Good	Jireh
Bad	Treasures
Hapulous	Earth
Tzedakah	Heaven
Judas	Moth
Riches	Rust
Hebrew	Thieves
Greek	Light
Mary	Darkness
Money	Masters
Jerusalem	Loan
Moriah	

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