

Pastor's Corner

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The other day, I was reading the Upper Room devotion and it spoke to me in many ways. The devotional article began by talking about how the author's husband and she, as they aged, have had to purchase reading glasses.

This spoke to me, because for many years I have been blessed with good eyesight and it was not until I reached the age of 52 that the print was so small that I had to see the doctor about glasses. He was quick to inform me that at my age glasses were needed (I didn't need that!). Like the author of the devotion, I am not used to glasses, so I kept misplacing them or losing them (fortunately they were dollar specials); therefore, I bought several pair to put around where I thought I might need them.

The author went on to talk about how the glasses made the words clear, so that they could be understood; and of how, through the receiving of the Holy Spirit, the word of God and the understanding of God's will for our lives becomes clear.

But as I said the message struck me in several ways. You see, I left my glasses lying around and only used them or picked them up when I thought I needed them. I was unwilling to accept that I needed them all the time; therefore, when circumstances arose I was not prepared.



For me, the answer was a simple one. I was prescribed a contact to wear in one eye. This allowed me the ability to read and yet did not interfere with my distant vision. The contact became a part of my daily life, and now I don't leave home without them.

Maybe you have made the connection by now. When we recognize that life with Christ is more than something that we simply keep around for those times when we may need it, but that Christ is truly a way of life; then we begin to see clearly through the lens of Christ.

Like mastering the use of contacts, it takes time and practice to live in the Way, but soon we wonder how we could ever get by without Christ.

As in my personal life when I struggle with my contacts, there are times when I struggle spiritually, but once I have overcome, I can see life more clearly and fully.