

## DCCYC 2020 Devotional Day 1

Read Phil 4:8-9

Welcome students to our first ever DCCYC Virtual Camp! We have never done this before, so bear with us as we plan, prod, and pray our way through this year's new format.

We thank you for joining us, whether that's because your parents forced you to sign up, you have absolutely nothing else to do, or you're here out of morbid curiosity. We believe that God can do something wonderful with your time here, and we hope that you would come out of this camp with a new perspective on life.

As such, our theme for this year is 2020 Vision and the theme verse for this year is Matt 6:22: "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light." So, let's dig in to find out what it means to see from God's perspective.

You may have heard of the phrase, "The eyes are the windows to the soul." Well, this statement is quite true, even if you may never be able to see into the depths of a person's soul by staring into his or her eyes. So... how is it true? Well, if you change can perspective, and look at it from the soul's point of view, then yes, the eyes are its windows, the window to the world beyond itself. So, whatever the eye sees will affect the content and character of the soul.

So then, like our theme verse says, the eye is the lamp of the body (or the soul). Whatever you place before you, whatever you focus on, whatever keeps your attention... meaning the videos you watch, the books you read, the pictures you stare at, or the people your eyes linger on... these are the paints that color your soul.

If what you keep in front of "your eyes are healthy" meaning good, noble, beautiful and praise worthy, then your soul in kind will be healthy and "full of light." And as any good health professional can tell you, a healthy soul results in a healthy body.

But if you keep your gaze upon those things that are dark, ugly, and shameful, then instead of a body "full of light," you will have a soul which languishes in darkness.

So, what are good, healthy things? What are things of light, as opposed to things of darkness? Well, that's what I hope you guys will learn in these coming few days... Because what the world tells you is good, fun, and worth pursuing, is not always what God says is good. The world's morality and values many times run counter to what our God, the Father of lights says is moral and valuable.

And that's why we hope that for DCCYC this year, you can start seeing from God's perspective and obtain that 2020 Vision into what is right, and what is pure, and what is lovely. Our goal for you is that you find that perfect vision, and when God's perspective comes into sharp focus, all other non-essentials will start to fade away.