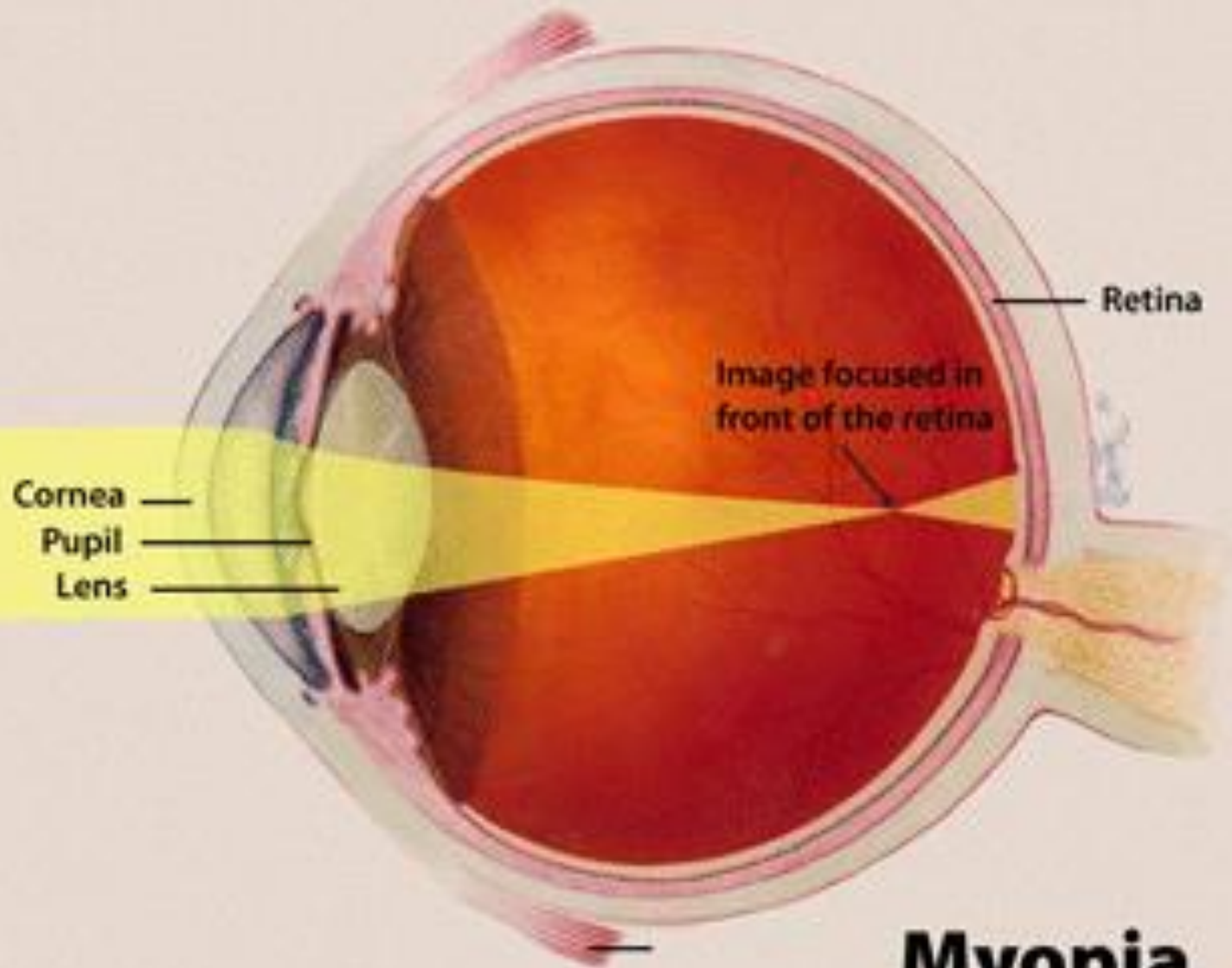




Spiritual Myopia

Neal Parker



Myopia
(nearsightedness)

Myopia

- **Christian Myopia Parallels...**
 - ✓ **Inability to see the future as God reveals it to us in His Word**
 - ✓ **Inability to see ourselves as God and other see us**



Myopia

■ **Affects of Spiritual Myopia**

- ✓ **II Peter 1:8-9; 2:22**
- ✓ **Revelation 3:18-19**
- ✓ **James 3:2-12 – Uncontrolled tongue / words**
- ✓ **I Corinthians 2:9 – Spiritual blindness and deafness**

Myopia

■ The “Eye” of the Body

✓ Luke 11:33-36

❖ John 8:12 – “...he who follows Me will not walk in darkness...”

➤ Are we hiding God’s Word in ourselves?

➤ Do we have a lack of focus on truly Godly issues?



Myopia

■ The “Eye” of the Body

✓ Luke 11:35

❖ “Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.”

➤ All light we see is not at the same level of brightness

➤ We all have “spiritual blind spots”.



Myopia

- **“Who would you most like to meet (dead or alive) and why?”**

✓ **“I’d like to meet and see myself, just like others see me.”**

Myopia



All **cruel people** describe themselves as **paragons of frankness.**

— *Tennessee Williams*

Myopia

- **“Who would you most like to meet (dead or alive) and why?”**



Life is a mirror and will reflect back to the thinker what he thinks into it.

— Ernest Holmes —





What matters most is
how you see yourself .

Myopia

■ Personal Myopia

✓ James 1:19-27

❖ Hypocrisy

- **“Your actions speak so loudly that I can’t hear a word you say”**
- **Right in knowledge, but wrong in overall viewpoint**



Myopia

■ Personal Myopia

✓ James 1:19-27

❖ Mere Spectators

➤ “Nothing ventured, Nothing compromised”

➤ Guaranteed to produce no growth



Myopia

■ Personal Myopia

✓ James 1:19-27

❖ Not Involved

➤ God wants us to seek Him

✓ Deuteronomy 4:29 / Isaiah 55:6
/ Amos 5:4



Myopia

- **Christian Myopia is correctable...**
 - ✓ **I Peter 1:9-11**

