

SUPERNATURAL EYE SURGERY

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➤ You are serious about your Christian life, but surprised that you haven't experienced more true transformation.

> You read the Bible, attend church and even participate in small groups and other activities designed for your spiritual growth.

➤ Yet you are stuck in some area. You have some habit, attitude or personality trait that never changes.

- ➤ You are hyper-critical of yourself.
- ➤ You have a relationship that feels like a chronic disappointment.
- ➤ You attend a church that disappoints you.

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

-Hebrews 12:2

Fix - fasten (something) securely in a particular place or position.

- ➤ Direct one's eyes, attention, or mind steadily or unwaveringly toward.
- > Are my eyes broken?

- ➤ Who is the ONLY one worth fixing our eyes on?
- >JESUS!
- Not ourselves.
- ➤ Not anyone else!

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.

GOOD AND BAD EYES

The Bible sets up a contrast here between Good and Bad eyes. The words used in the original language are fascinating!

"Good eye" = can also be translated "single focus"

- ➤ Our single focus needs to be on Jesus and His Righteousness.
- ➤ That eliminates FOCUS on our unrighteousness, doesn't it?

- ➤ For SURE, we need to allow the Holy Spirit time to "Show Me...Me" but let him lead.
- ➤ And when he shows us ourselves, repent and immediately course correct by TURNING OUR GAZE to Jesus.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

-Galatians 5:22-23

➤ As we gaze at him, abiding in His presence, the fruit (singular) of the spirit naturally grows in us.



One fruit in many flavors.

- ➤ You can obey every law, command and guideline in the Bible.
- > And it won't produce fruit.

➤ We've all met legalistic
Christians who "do" or
"don't do" this, that or the
other.

➤ Yet their lives are not characterized by love or joy or any other uplifting emotion.

- ➤ It's said that Joseph Stalin memorized the entire New Testament.
- ➤ God's goal is FRUIT, not facts!

- Fruit grows in the right environment.
- Some fruit grows faster in certain climates.

- ➤ Very hard for fruit to grow in a dry, barren climate.
- ➤ Cultivate a climate that is conducive to fruit.

- ➤ I was mentored in a climate that emphasized facts over fruit.
- Loving God with our minds, but not our hearts.

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

- ➤ Is there a reason why Jesus listed the **heart** before the mind?
- ➤ If our heart is not right, not motivated by love then....

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We know that "We all possess knowledge." But knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

WHAT PUFFS UP...

- That which can puff us up.
- Can also deflate us and cause us to come crashing down.
- ➤ There's grave spiritual danger of head knowledge that never transforms.

WHAT PUFFS UP...

- ➤ Burn out!
- ➤ Disillusionment (with self and others)

BAD EYE

- Taking notes.
- Taking names.
- Leading with the wrong organ.

- Lead with our eyes fixed on the one we love.
- Fixed on Him and His perfection.

- ➤ Modeling our lives on what we see in his life and how he lived.
- ➤ More time in the Gospels observing his life.

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BAD EYE

"Bad eye" = implies scattered focus/distracted. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord's feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me." -Luke 10:39-40

BAD EYE

- ➤ Is she focused on Jesus?
- > Or is her attention scattered?

But the Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.""

One thing I ask from the 66 LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. -Psalm 27:4

- Martha was in her HEAD, trying to figure out how to get things done.
- > "Fixing" blame!

➤ Amazing how often those two things go together!!

➤ When we look within ourselves or try to pursue our own righteousness, we fall into "works (plural) of the flesh." We get distracted by all the things we think we need to do for God..and discouraged as we consider how we are falling short

The minute I look at myself and get discouraged about my "performance"...what's the next thing I'm tempted to do?

➤ Yep! Compare myself to someone who I think is performing even WORSE!!!

> "Works of the flesh" listed in Galatians 5:19-21 include: discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy.

Those are bundled right in there with all the sexual sins we take so seriously and the "crimes" we would never commit.

- ➤ A Bad Eye sets us up for Bad Fruit.
- That's why the Bible tells us to Fix Our Eyes.

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But my eyes are fixed on you, Sovereign Lord. 66

Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

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So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

-2 Corinthians 4:18

"Bad eye" = can even mean
EVIL.

➤ We know we've crossed over from Bad to Evil when the initially single-focused question "What's wrong with me?" quickly turns (as it inevitably does) into a multi-focused question: "What's wrong with everyone and everything around me?"

BEWARE THE FAULT FINDER

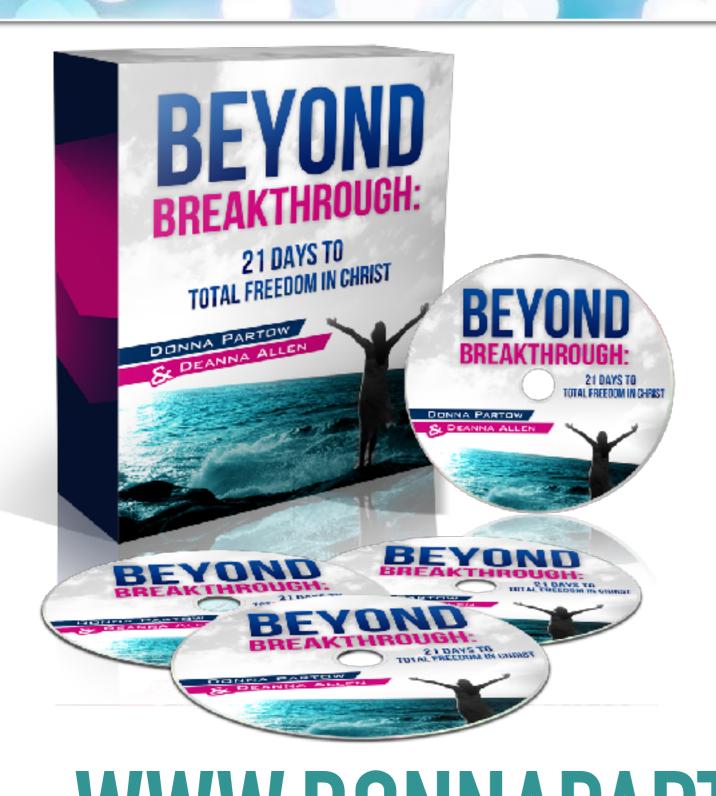
➤ Fault-finding can just be a bad habit....or it might be a spiritual problem. The strategy of the enemy with fault-finding is clear: to draw your attention away from the perfection of Jesus and get you focused on everything that's wrong.

PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER

> Any spirit seeking to affect me in any way that does not JOYFULLY bend the knee to Jesus Christ, I command you to leave at once.

PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER

- Wrong Question: "What's wrong with ___?"
- Right Question: "What's right with Jesus?"



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Lou says: "Very refreshing. I hate for the class to end, I've enjoyed every session. The classes have really caused breakthrough for me."



"I played it for my husband tonight so he could hear what I've been listening to. He was very impressed and now he knows what I've been raving about!" - Shirley



"I felt God's presence on this call, even listening to the playback, even listening to the recording! Go God!" -Hayley



"An incredible session today. I love that I was able to pause and then play as I took notes and listened to the Lord speak to me personally. I encourage anyone to grab on to this challenge." - Debbie



"Through this journey my first love has been restored." - Virginia



Come To A Spiritual Feast

F is fasting. Fasting actually can feed your spirit, strengthen your soul, energize your body and empower you. Fasting breaks chains; fasting breaks chains.

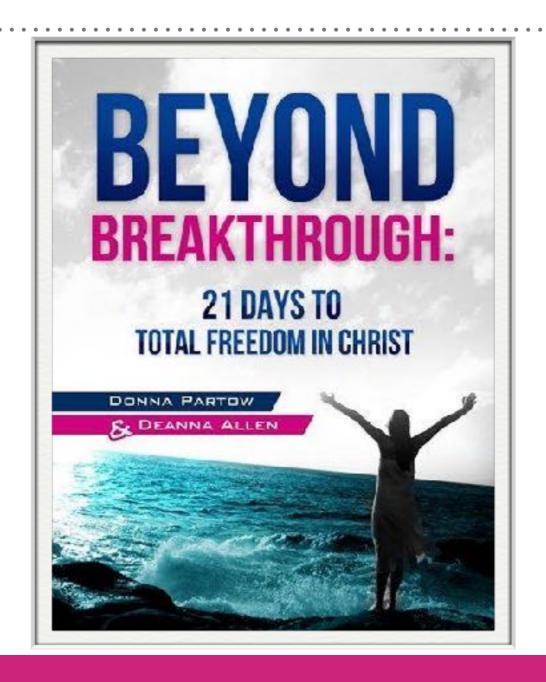
E is the power of enumerating specific sins and shortcomings rather than living under a general cloud of condemnation.

A is the importance of maintaining the right attitude. Gratitude and humility bring joy. But pride can hide in things like worry and insecurity.

S is to discover what it feels like to share this journey with like-minded believers and how life-changing it is when we open ourselves up to the Holy Spirit's ability to speak to us through others.

T is to gain a new appreciation of the power of time in God's presence. The answer to everything—I always tell people—is time in God's presence.

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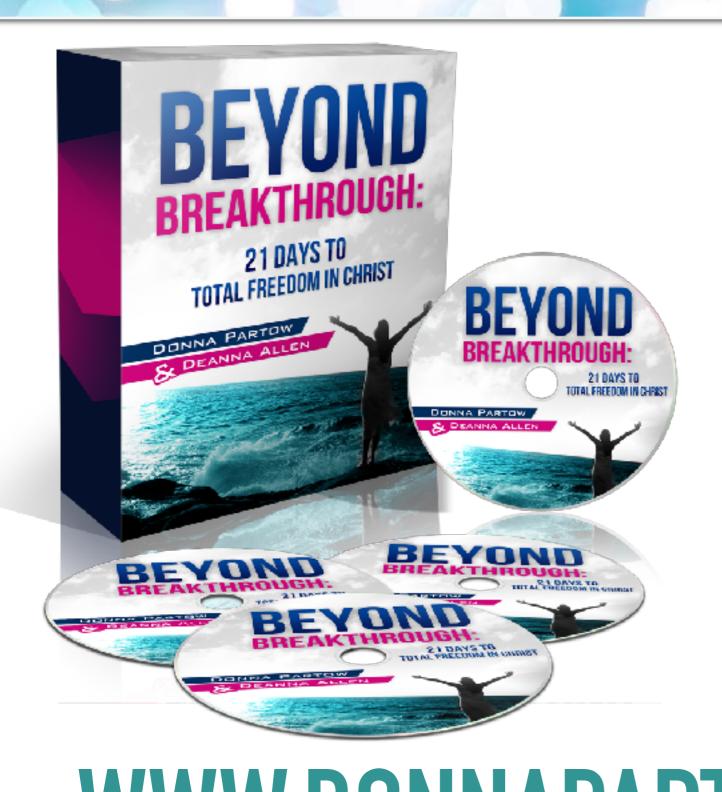
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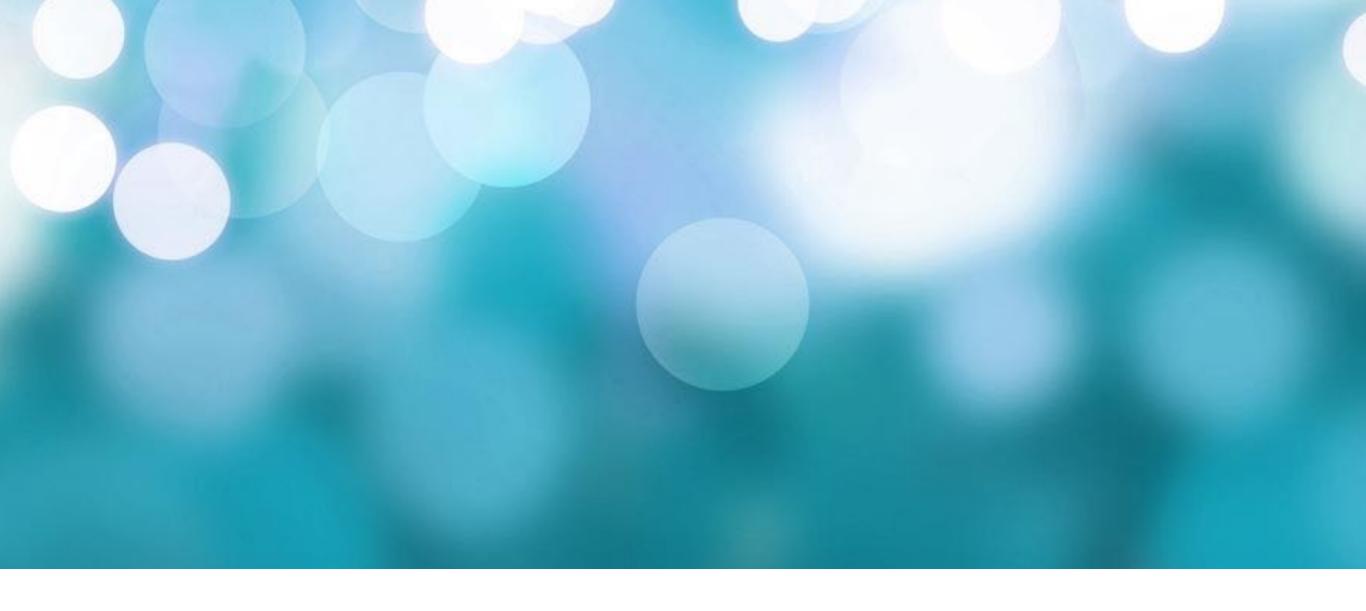
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