

Two Visions

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 - a. An eye _____ by the glories of the world.
 - b. A life filled with _____.

A photograph of two hands, one from the left and one from the right, positioned to form a heart shape. The hands are set against a bright, hazy sky at sunset or sunrise, with a field of tall grass visible in the foreground. The lighting is warm and golden, creating a soft, ethereal atmosphere. The hands are the central focus, with the fingers and palms clearly visible as they curve towards each other.

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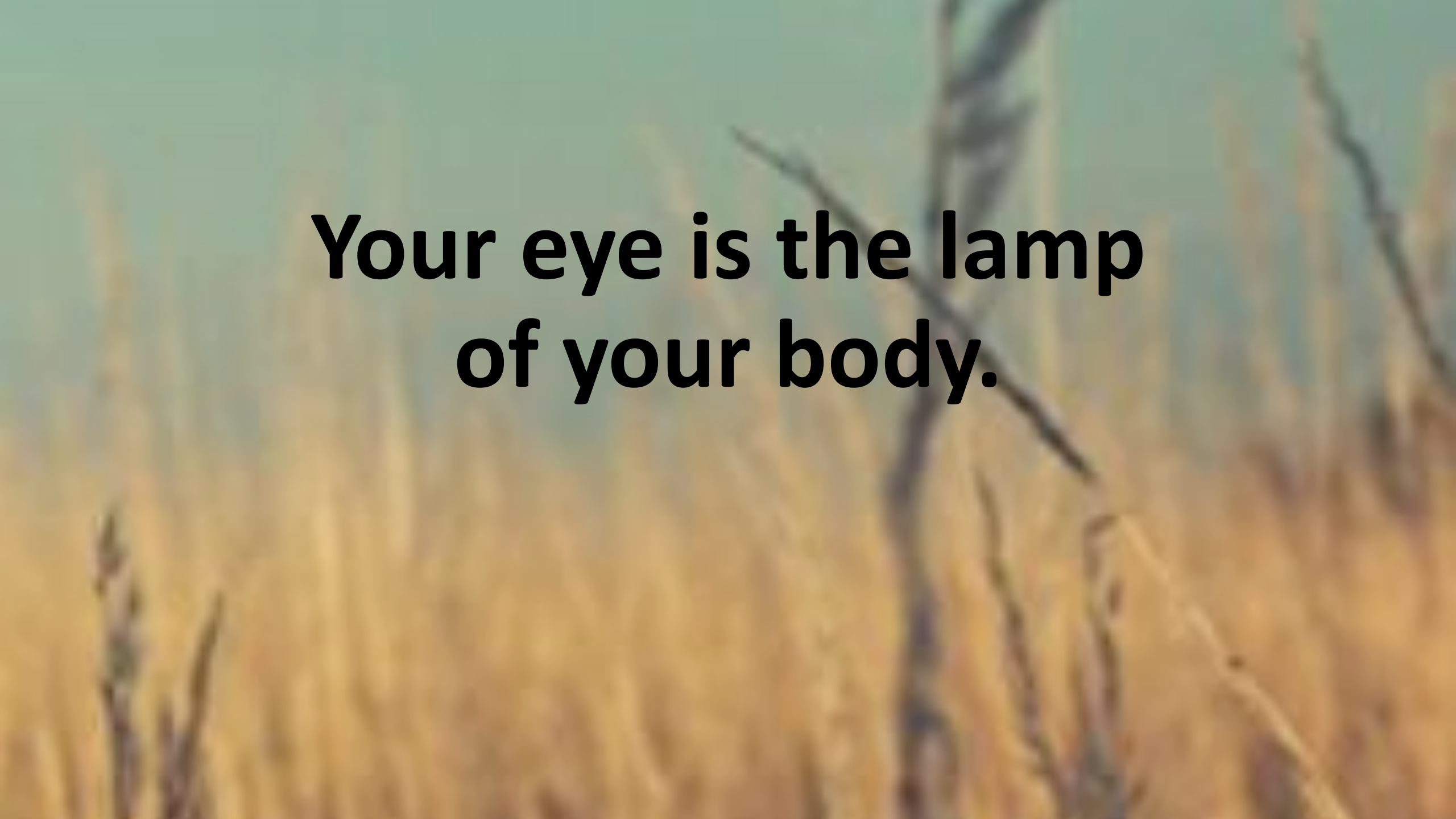
**The meaning
of Jesus' metaphors**

**The blessing
of a heavenly vision.**

**The torments
of a worldly vision.**

The background of the slide features a faint, light-colored image of several hands reaching out to hold a globe. The hands are positioned around the globe, with fingers spread, symbolizing global unity or care. The overall tone is soft and positive.

The meaning of Jesus' metaphors



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**Jesus equates your eye
with your heart.**

Matthew 6:21-22

For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.
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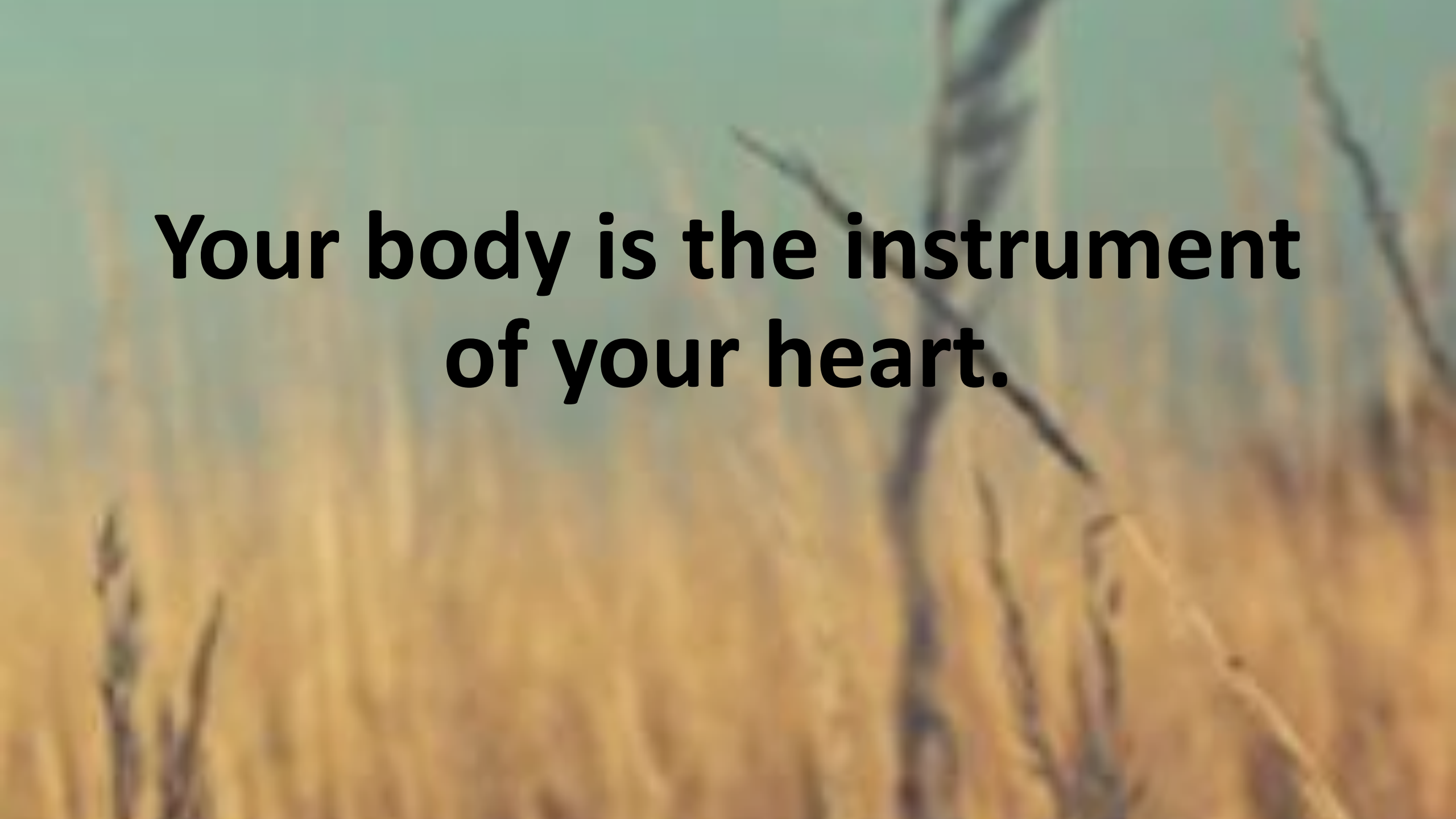
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**Your body is the instrument
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Romans 6:12-13

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

The background of the image is a soft, out-of-focus photograph of several hands. The hands are positioned as if they are being held out or are in the process of being held, creating a sense of blessing or support. The lighting is gentle, and the colors are muted, contributing to a serene and spiritual atmosphere.

**The blessing
of a heavenly vision.**

Blessings

**An eye captured
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“Clear” = Single or singularly focused.

The “clear” eye sees the glory of Christ and is captured by Him.

John 1:14

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2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The glory of God is seen in the person of Christ.

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A life filled with light.

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John 8:12

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Indications of a Life in the Light

Joy

Peace

Patience

Contentment

Self-Control

Kindness

Gratitude

Courage

**The torments
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Torments

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“Bad” = Evil or envious

The “bad” eye sees the shiny trinkets of the world and is captured by them.

Proverbs 28:22

A man with an evil eye hastens after wealth,
And does not know that want will come upon him.

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Proverbs 4:18-19

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
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The way of the wicked is like darkness;
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**Pursuit of the empty trinkets
of this world will lead you into
pits of darkness.**

Indications of Life in the Darkness

Anger

Fear

Impatience

Boredom

Anxiety

Envy

Discontent

Grumbling

Depression

Torments

**A heart deceived
by the darkness.**

Matthew 6:23

If then the light that is in you is darkness,
how great is the darkness!

And if the light you think you have is actually
darkness, how deep that darkness is! (NLT)

**Darkness is by nature deceptive and
often has the appearance of light.**

2 Corinthians 11:14

**And no wonder, for even Satan disguises
himself as an angel of light.**



**Are the eyes of your heart
captivated by the glory of Christ
or by the glories of this world?**