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“I Once Was Blind...And Maybe I Still Am!”
(John 9:1-41) [vv. 1-7; 35-41]

Our story today, is about a man who was also _____ of blindness and who eagerly _____ others what had happened to him.

Physical _____ were seen as being the direct result of somebody's _____.

This poor man was God's _____ lesson to the Pharisees, but they could not see what was right in _____ of them.

Our story is not really about _____ blindness but about _____ blindness.

The Pharisees derived their name from the Hebrew word *perushim*, which means “_____.”

The Pharisees all-out commitment to the law produced a kind of spiritual blindness. _____ is the word we use today.

Many Christians today suffer from spiritual myopia. They think they're living according to God's will, but they are blind in so many ways to authentic _____.

Some of the ways the Pharisees were blind:

#1.- The Pharisees lived by the _____ of the law, but were blind to the _____ of the law.

A good example of this was their attitude toward the _____.

The Sabbath was created for man's _____. The Pharisees had turned it into a crushing _____.

Being a part of the church should brighten people's _____, not subtract from their _____!

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People who _____ Christ together tend to have a great time doing it!

#2.- They used religion to _____ people rather than to _____ them together.

It is always difficult to be a _____ faith in a culture.

The Pharisees' faith bred in them a terrible prejudice against _____.

We dare not have the world see us as an exclusive community reserved only for _____.

The very word “religion” means “_____.”

Christian faith does not erect _____.it builds _____!

#3.- They cared more about their _____ than they did about _____.

That's why it was so easy for them to let an _____ man die on a cross.

Many have been put to death in the name of _____.

Satan often masquerades as an angel of _____ and sometimes Christians can act very _____ and yet still be _____ of Satan.

It is true that it is possible to be fanatically _____ to the Christian religion and be totally _____ to the will of God!

Christ came in the world to _____ people! Everything else in our religious beliefs is _____ to that one truth!

You are blind; too...if you cannot see that the purpose of religion is to _____ people with one another and with _____!

Are you among the vision impaired?

Why not allow God to heal your eyes today?