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Eye Gouging (Sight Series #7)

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Matthew 18:7-9 ⁷Woe to the world for the causes of sin. These stumbling blocks must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! ⁸If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than to have two hands and two feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. BSB

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** God has expectations on our behavior. V.7
- B.** These behaviors are common to all humans. V.7
- C.** We are not to be a stumbling block for others. V.7
- D.** Sin separates us from God and needs to be taken seriously. V.8
- E.** Hell is the ultimate place of separation. V.8-9

Matthew 25:41 Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. (BSB)

- F.** This is not proposing self-mutilation but a determination not to tolerate sin in our life.
 - G.** God’s desire is for us to have abundant life, sin robs us of this. V.9
- John 10:9-10** I am the gate. If anyone enters through Me, he will be saved. He will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness. (BSB)

II. I am proposing a worldview change for American Christians. Here are the changes that Scripture encourages.

- A.** All humans have missed the mark of perfection that God demands.
- B.** This is why Christ died for our sins.
- C.** We must repent of our sin since we have been bought by the blood of Jesus Christ.
- D.** We must grow our numbers with discipleship.
- E.** The old worldview sought to rid the world of sinners. This worldview seeks to grow the number of the righteous. Example: Sodom and Gomorrah.
- F.** We must be models of life!