

Paradoxes to Live by

Fixing our eyes on the Unseen



Why is it false to claim our faith in the unseen has nothing to substantiate it? See Acts 2:32, 10:39,40, I Cor. 15:3-9.

Note the context of Paul's paradox in II Cor. 4:18 = series of contrasts throughout 4:16-5:4.

What should our eyes not be fixed on? What should we focus on instead? NIV translation is best here. See Eph. 1:18ff, 2:6, 7, Rom. 8:18ff., Phil. 3:14,20,21, Col. 3:1,2.

What does focusing on what is unseen not imply, which can at times be a criticism of such a priority?

Why are we told we must fix our eyes on what is unseen? See II Pt. 3:10, Rev. 21:1, Matt. 6:19,20.

What well-known paradox is Paul destroying in his paradox here in II Cor. 4:18?

How easy is it to fix our eyes on the unseen? Can you think of a list of famous folks who did? We are called to be people who don't lean on what we are able to see, II Cor. 5:7, Rom. 8:24,25. What can help us do this?