

## There Are Things That Can Change Your Perspective

### I. Introduction:

A. By the word perspective I mean: “a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view” (New Oxford American Dictionary).

1. If you perceive something to be right because you want it to be, that matters (**Proverbs 12:15** and **Proverbs 16:25**).
2. On the other hand, if you perceive something to be wrong because you want it to be, that matters too (**Acts 4:1-17**).

B. Before we proceed in our lesson, understand this - Our point of view does not change the fact that God’s word is the truth (**Psalms 119:151-152** and **John 17:17**).

1. You’re not right. I am not right. God’s word is right (**Psalms 33:4**).
2. Our experiences in life do not change what God has said (**Psalms 119:89** and **Matthew 24:35**).

II. Body: This Lesson Is About How Your Point Of View [NOT TRUTH] Can Change Based On Certain Factors. Ex. Being Hungry Can Change How Something Tastes (**Proverbs 27:7**). Let’s Consider This Fact In A Cautionary Way.

A. Think about someone who loves treasure (**Matthew 6:24**).

1. What if that person is told to abandon wealth (**Luke 18:18-25**)?
2. How deceived are they (**Revelation 3:14-19**)?
3. So, how might your point of view change if you began to love wealth (**I Timothy 6:6-10**)?

B. What if you view something as madness, or off in some other way, when it is your perception that is off (**Acts 24:1-5** and **Acts 26:24-29**)?

1. If I think of a group as a sect [heresies]... (**Galatians 5:19-21**).
2. If I consider words to be mad... (**Ecclesiastes 10:12-13**).

C. Now, understand also that there are positive ways in which one can benefit from a change in a point of view to further understand truth.

1. Think about why elders have to be parents before they can shepherd God’s people (**I Timothy 3:4-5**).
2. Think about why the experienced women are to teach the younger (**Titus 2:3-5**).
3. Think about how Peter, after helping to convert the first gentiles (**Acts 10:1-48**), then had a better point of view on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and salvation for the Gentiles (**Acts 11:12-17**).

III. Conclusion: Be careful in allowing your point of view to change. Make sure it is for the better and not the worse. Be cautious with what changes your perspective (**Galatians 4:17-18**).