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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Prov. 19:21 *Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.* (NIV)

As we walk with the Father, we have the opportunity to share our thoughts and desires with Him. I think many people are afraid to be open and honest with the LORD. They are fearful that He will punish or scowl upon our heart's desires. Let me tell you one thing about that. He already knows what you are thinking before you even think it. He knows everything about you. You will never surprise Him with anything because He knows all things. **Ps. 139:1-3** *You have searched me, LORD, and You know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all my ways.* (NIV)

So, since He knows everything about us, we should desire to know Him as well and walk in His ways. Sooner or later, as we dwell in Him, we will see more of Him and less of us. Our outlook on real life will continue to change. Things that we once thought were so very important will now fade into past memories. We will start to invest ourselves into the ways of the LORD and see the difference in those things that are just temporary and will fade away. It is what the LORD desires that should really matter to us and should take precedence over everything else.

Here is an example: when we look at the people around us, we should not only see them by their appearance, but instead we should be looking to the inward person. What is it that they truly need? How can we pray for them? How can we touch them? What is it that the LORD would have us say to them? Just as He told Samuel in **1 Sam. 16:7** *But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."* (NIV)

Dear LORD, we call upon You to give us Your eyes to see what You see about us and about others. Help us to be so in focus with Your Spirit that we will see and recognize Your will and Your way today. In Jesus Name, Amen