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When delivering papers for some friends in church, years ago, I came to a unique realization.

You see, part of the route was in Amish country. This beautiful scene was delightfully primitive. I passed several horse and buggies on my newspaper route. I was amazed when I passed the horses, with my vehicle, that they didn't get spooked, nor stop, nor change their direction. I did notice a set of blinders on them; which, I had assumed, were the reason for the calm manner. The blinders curtail the horse's side vision so all they can see is what is straight in front of them.

As I was praying one Saturday with a group of saints, I noticed that I really had to struggle in my prayer because I couldn't concentrate. My peripheral vision also seemed to pick up on several different distracting things each time I opened my eyes to read from my prayer list; causing my thoughts to wonder. When I realized this was creating a problem for me, I cuffed my hands around my eyes for a blinder effect. Therefore whenever I opened my eyes to read, all I saw was my list.

This prompted me to consider my walk with the Lord. Several times I had to put my blinders on spiritually. Whenever things got close to distracting my thoughts from God I had to put on my blinders and look straight ahead, not even to consider what was on the other side. When I keep my blinders on I stay in the right direction.

Putting spiritual blinders on myself at first was very difficult and bothersome for me. Once I got used to the blinders I didn't really notice them. They fit like the parts of the whole armor of God. When I have my spiritual blinders on I can look ahead to God's will and listen to His directions without the distractions the world offers.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philipians 4:8

