



DIGGING DEEPER

A Christmas Perspective

December 14th, 2025

Lean In

- What's your favorite version of "A Christmas Carol"? What draws you to that particular adaptation?
- Have you ever had a moment where you saw your life from a completely different perspective? What prompted that shift?

Look Up

Primary Passage: Ephesians 1:17-19

OBSERVATION - "What does the text say?"

- What does Paul pray that God will give the Ephesians?
- What three things does Paul want them to "know" or understand?
- What role does the "eyes of your heart" play in this passage?

INTERPRETATION - "What does it mean?"

- Why does spiritual insight require "enlightened" eyes rather than just more information?
- How does this prayer connect to Scrooge's journey of seeing his past, present, and future?
- What does it mean to be "rich toward God" versus storing up things for ourselves?
- How does perspective change when we view our lives through God's eyes rather than our own?

APPLICATION - "How should I respond?"

- What area of your life do you need God to give you a new perspective on?
- Is there something from your past that has hardened your heart like Scrooge's? How might God want to bring healing?

- If you could step outside your life and look at it from above, what would you want to change?
- Who in your life, like Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, might help you see what true contentment and gratitude look like?

SCRIPTURES USED

Ephesians 1:17-19

Proverbs 4:23

1 Samuel 16:7

Psalms 139:23-24

James 4:14

Luke 12:19-21

Revelation 3:20

PRAYER

Thank God for His ability to see your heart and His desire to reach it.

Confess any areas where your heart has grown hard or cold.

Ask Him to flood the eyes of your heart with light so you can see clearly.

Close with:

"Lord, open our eyes to see our lives from Your perspective. Heal the wounds of our past, help us live fully in the present, and give us hope for the future You have planned. Teach us to be rich toward You, not toward ourselves. Amen."

PRACTICE: STEP OUT

Daily Perspective Check:

Ask: "God, what do You want me to see differently today?" Journal what comes to mind.

Choose One Scrooge Move:

- Reach out to someone you've been distant from.
- Be generous in a way that stretches you.
- Spend time with someone who has less but lives with more gratitude.
- Invite someone to Christmas dinner or a Christmas Eve service.

