

# Gospel Doctrine Sunday School Lesson

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Are You:

- Serving Others?
- Setting a Christlike Example?

## Today's Scriptures

John 9:1-10

Next Week:

Lesson 17:

“What Shall I Do  
That I May Inherit  
Eternal Life”

Mark 10: 17-20; 12:41-44;

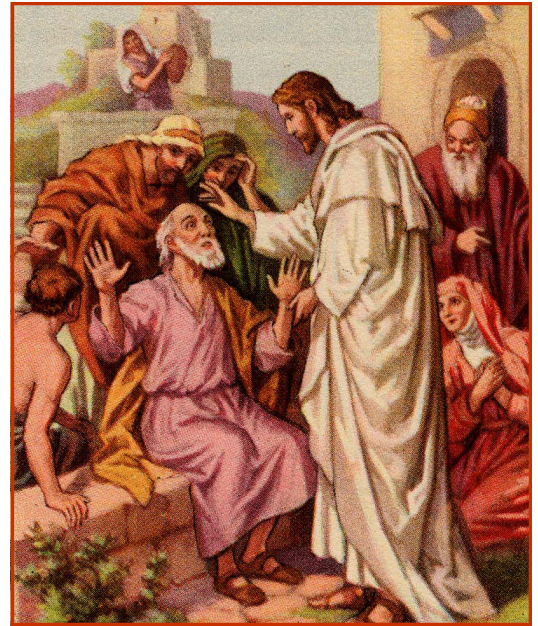
Luke 12: 13-21; Luke 14, 16

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## Lesson 16: “I Was Blind... Now I See”

### Questions to Ponder

- Like the blind man's experience, how has your testimony grown as you shared it with others?
- What are some causes of spiritual blindness?
- In what ways do “forms of blindness” affect our lives?



In Jesus' time, when people had diseases or deformities like blindness, many felt that these were a form of divine punishment. When Jesus healed the blind man with clay, and incorporated the waters of Siloam into his cure, not only was he doing something concrete to help the man believe, but he created parallels to Adam's creation and baptism.

“The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!” —Matthew 6:22-23

### President Thomas S. Monson:

“Late one evening on a Pacific isle, a small boat slipped silently to its berth at the crude pier. Two Polynesian women helped Meli Mulipola from the boat and guided him to the well-worn pathway leading to the village road. The women marveled at the bright stars which twinkled in the midnight sky. The friendly moonlight guided them along their way. However, Meli Mulipola could not appreciate these delights of nature—the moon, the stars, the sky—for he was blind.

“His vision had been normal until that fateful day when, while working on a pineapple plantation, light turned suddenly to darkness and day became perpetual night. He had learned of the restoration of the gospel and the teachings of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His life had been brought into compliance with these teachings.

“He and his loved ones had made this long voyage, having learned that one who held the priesthood of God was visiting among the islands. He sought a blessing under the hands of those who held the sacred priesthood. His wish was granted. Tears streamed from his sightless eyes and coursed down his brown cheeks, tumbling finally upon his native dress. He dropped to his knees and prayed: “Oh, God, thou knowest I am blind. Thy servants have blessed me that if it be thy will, my sight may return. Whether in thy wisdom I see light or whether I see darkness all the days of my life, I will be eternally grateful for the truth of thy gospel which I now see and which provides me the light of life.”

“He arose to his feet, thanked us for providing the blessing, and disappeared into the dark of the night. Silently he came; silently he departed. But his presence I shall never forget. (“For I Was Blind, But Now I See,” *Ensign*, May 1999, 54).