

*Of the single eye* by Charlotte Mason  
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Matthew 6:22-23

THE Lord spake on:—

Thou 'plainest,—How to know what I shall choose!

Things of the world beguile me and confuse;

I gather worthless treasures in my hand,—

How can I lay these up at Thy command?

My son, first teach thyself to think aright;

The things so dazzled thee,'twas not their light

But an illusive brilliance cast by thee;

The eye itself brings light by which to see.

See to it that thou keep the single eye;

That eye, in all the star-bespangled sky,

Sees but one Sun of righteousness, nor bends

To that mock lustre its own shining lends.

Seek not, *thy* glory, power, advancement, praise,—

Or how shalt ardent eye to heaven raise?

But look on Him thou servest, so thy frame

With guiding light of love shall be aflame!

Dark is the body, with the evil eye,

As house which doth the light of day deny;

But light and giving light, the eye that sees—

Secure, the seeing man and goes with ease!