



WOW: Word Of the Week

"Blinders" On
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"Blinders" refers to a pair of small screens attached to a horse's bridle to prevent it seeing sideways and behind.

Have you ever enjoyed the romantic carriage rides around Central Park, often with snow and cold to justify snuggling just a little closer? Either in the movies, or perhaps in person?

If you look closely, you will see that the horses pulling the carriages have on blinders. Blinders keep the horse looking forward. One of my favorite descriptions is that blinders keep the horse from seeing the distractions.

Some days, I understand very well the concept of blinders, since my palsied eye muscle requires me to turn my head to see clearly to the side.

Human beings may have blinders on.

In a positive sense, blinders keep us focused, looking straight ahead, eyes on the goal. In the Christian walk, blinders may keep us focused on Jesus.

Blinders can also have a negative impact on us. Blinders can keep us from seeing everything we need to see, factors that would help us understand a situation completely.

Today—blinders on!

We Christians often need blinders to help us avoid distractions.

Which distractions? Anything that keep us from staying focused on the primary goal of our Christian walk.

Possibilities include our daily responsibilities, work, entertainment, sports, leisure activities, travel, and many more.

Some of the things that distract us are good things – but they become a problem when they keep us from focusing on the best, they keep us from fully committing to the advancement of God's eternal purpose of bringing the world to Jesus.

What are your distractions? What are you looking at that is keeping you from being more intentional in following Jesus and being a disciple who shares and lives out the teachings of the Master?

Want to develop a more focused life for Christ? Blinders On!