

A Blocked Vision

Charles Colson, in *BreakPoint*, tells a story from the childhood of a biologist named Benno Muller-Hill. One day, the boy's teacher set up a telescope to show students a planet and its moons.

One by one, the students looked through the telescope and said, yes, they could see the planet. Finally, one student said, "I can't see anything."

The teacher angrily told him to adjust the lenses. Still, the student saw nothing.

Finally, the teacher himself leaned over and looked. When he stood up, he had a strange expression on his face. He glanced at the end of the telescope and saw that the lens cap was still on.

Just as most of the students saw what they were told to see, many people view the world in the way they are expected to see it – whether by tradition, peer pressure or intimidation. Examples would be individuals who are brought up to follow one political party or another and cannot look at truths beyond the party lines. Or folks who are reared in an environment of racial prejudice can't enjoy the richness of fellowship that diversity fosters.

Taking away such lenses that block our vision will bring an exciting look at the world, and the people, around us.

--Beecher Hunter