

# Central's Core Values:

## 'Attentive Eyes'

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>**When he saw the crowds**, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

<sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.

<sup>38</sup>So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields." (Matthew 9:37,38)

### What kind of eyes do you have?

- **\_Conflicted\_ eyes**

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23,24)

- **\_Lustful\_ eyes**

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. (Matthew 5:27-28)

- **\_Unforgiving\_ eyes**

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. (Matthew 6:12,14-15)

- **\_Critical\_ eyes**

<sup>3</sup>“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. (Matthew 7:3-5)

**Attentive Eyes:** God looks on each **\_person\_** as his **\_beloved\_ \_creation\_**.

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- ▶ **We need ATTENTIVE EYES looking at us . . .**

- When we are **\_new\_**
- When we are **\_needy\_**
- When we are **\_nerdy\_**

- ▶ **Jesus' \_compassion\_ gives us Jesus' \_eyes\_**

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<sup>16</sup>So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! <sup>17</sup>This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (II Corinthians 5:16,17)