

# The Sanctified Imagination

“...the supreme value of a sanctified imagination” in which the Holy Spirit “presents Christ to our inner vision” so we can “[g]aze on Christ with the eyes of the soul.

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**2Cor. 3:14-18** ... *their minds* were hardened.

Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over *their minds*; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**And all of us, with unveiled faces, *seeing* the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit....**

**4:3-6 ...if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded *the minds* of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**St. Ignatius:** “...pray with all five senses” and use “the eye of the imagination.” *Spiritual Exercises.*

**St. Francis de Sales:** “By means of the imagination we confine our mind within the mystery on which we meditate, that it may not ramble to and fro, just as we shut up a bird in a cage or tie a hawk by his leash so that he may rest on the hand. *An Introduction to the Devout Life*

**I. Prayer**

**II. Worship**

**III. Discipleship of the Mind**

**IV. Bible Reading**

**Luke 15:4-7** “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.