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John 3:1 – The Brilliant Observer (TPT)

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The Positive Reflection of the Observer

John 3:2-4 (TPT)

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2. He asked every question, and then asked some more.

- 3. He deduced that Jesus must be from God.
- 4. He wants the truth. He needs the truth.

The Problem – "Master I Know" = overly confident

Proverbs 11:2 (TPT)

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The Negative Reflection of the Observer

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3. He overthought and tried to intellectualize everything Jesus said.

4. He refused to accept what Jesus said until he did more research.

The Pro – "He did believe" = eventually

The Best Reflection of the Observer

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Healthy Observers

- Gather all the facts and then do something with them.
- Join groups that are healthy because they need other people.
- Serve in the church because they understand that they are needed.

Fives need me to love and appreciate their:

- Thirst for knowledge and desire for truth.
- Power of perception and problem-solving skills.
- Desire to be detached and their courage to be with the crowd.

Praver

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