

Tricky Glasses
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Over the years my near vision has grown slowly, but steadily, worse. I'm at a 3.5 now and even then I tilt the drug store cheaters at an angle to eke out another .5 or so. For years my Optometrist has been telling me my distance vision needed correction, too. He said a 1.25 lens would do it. I figured if I was at 4.0 on reading what possible difference could a .25 make on distance.

Finally I broke down and got the 1.25 driving glasses and oh my. Was I wrong! Huge difference. My eyes went from a Claude Monet fuzzy painting with colors to Ansel Adams in sharp clarity but more than black and white.

I am just as visually challenged about my moral failings. When I have conquered alcohol, second story jewel heists, grand larceny and car theft, I've got a good start. Lurking in the wings are a bunch of .25 sins like gossip, white lies, thoughts of revenge and lack of gratitude. Should I somehow overcome those I would be left ultimately with attempting to find my humility. I love what Golda Meir said about an unassuming nature to someone that was trying to impress her, "You don't have to be humble. You're not that great." I know that I will never be shed of all my spiritual .25s. I also know that I don't have to be in order to fall into the loving arms of my Savior.

It does help to know what they are. That way I don't become an Adrian Monk, trying to straighten out every little pebble in the world of others. At the same time tripping in the dark over the boulder in my own yard. Well if I put my glasses on I shouldn't have that problem, should I?

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