As Carol and I walk through our neighborhood each day we are constantly seeing displays of God's astonishing creativity. We have watched the buds form and blossom into leaves on the trees. We have watched the remarkable variety of color and shape in every kind of flower. We stop regularly just to admire the beauty of something that God has created for us to enjoy. That is the wonder of it all. He could have made this world with nothing of beauty in it. He could have made a world without color. Yet our infinite God chose to make a world full of breath taking colors and shapes things which we can look at and enjoy. What a wonderful gift from our Loving, All Powerful God.

Psalms 94:8-9 *(NIV) Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise? [9] Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see?*

Psalms 94:8-9 *(NLT) Think again, you fools! When will you finally catch on? [9] Is he deaf - the one who made your ears? Is he blind - the one who formed your eyes?*

The context of these verses is a warning to evil people who think they can get away with anything they choose to do because God does not immediately judge them. God is the designer of the ear and the eye and if He created us so that we can hear and see then He is far superior to our limited sight and hearing. The questions asked in verse 9 expect the answer that God does indeed hear and see everything. We may think we can hide things from God. But He has the infinite power to oversee every bit of His creation from the smallest molecules to the vastness of the universe. He is the designer of our eyes and our ears. He made us exactly the way we are. **From: A Godward Life Volume One** "...when we marvel at the wonders of the eye and the remarkable structure of the ear, we are not to marvel at the process of chance but at the wisdom and creativity of God. ...Every wonder in the world is wrought by God... God means for the beauty [of every aspect of his creation] ... to be an occasion for our worshipping His specific creativity. (Piper 142-13).

PRAYER: Lord, thank You. You control ALL things, the shape of a leaf on a tree, the color of every flower, the beauty of the sunset, the majesty of the heavens. Thank You that what is going on in my life, my family, and our church is also under Your control. Help me to submit daily, minute by minute to Your plan.

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