

"Thoughts From THE HEART"
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THE NAYSAYER'S SAID I WOULD NOT SEE 21 YEARS OF AGE, LOOKING BACK, SOME TIMES I WONDER HOW I DID??? GROWS UP IN THE MEAN STREETS OF NEW YORK AND RUNNING WITH A CROWD THAT HAD NOTHING ON THEIR MIND BUT TO CAUSE TROUBLE. BUT I GUESS I HAD ONE THING GOING FOR ME THAT MOST DIDN'T - A PROFOUND MOTHER!!! EVEN WHILE SERVING MY COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY SHE PRAYED FOR ME. BUT NOW MOTHER'S GONE - AND I'M NOW FIGHTING ONE OF THE BIGGEST BATTLES OF MY LIFE AND LOSING. THANKS TO YEAR OF UNHEALTHY EATING HABITS - COMPLIMENTS OF THE STATE OF OHIO PRISON SYSTEM - THE WRITER HAS THE DISEASE - "DIABETES TYPE II WITH COMPLICATIONS OF THE DISEASE - "GLAUCOMA" - FIGHTING A PRISON SYSTEM WHO JUST CUT 44 MILLIONS DOLLARS IN INMATE HEALTH CARE THE WRITER NO LONGER GOES TO THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL TO SEE AN OPHTHALMOLOGIST WHO'S BRANCH OF MEDICINE DEAL WITH

DISEASE OF THE EYES - BUT THE STATE OF OHIO PRISON SYSTEM HAS LEFT THE TREATMENT OF THE WRITER EYES IN THE HANDS OF THE PRISON DOCTOR - [A GENERAL PRACTITIONER] AND A CONTRACT PRISON EYE DOCTOR - [OPTOMETRIST]. THE WRITER IS NOT ASKING FOR MEDICAL CARE FROM THE MAJOR CLINIC - JUST ADEQUATE CARE AND TREATMENT. . . . GUESS IS ABOUT THE MONEY AND THE PUNISHMENT. STAY TUNED TO OTHER TRUE STORIES FM PRISON. . . . AS LONG AS I CAN STILL SEE I'LL BE WRITING THEM!!!!!!