



2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

THE NEED FOR SHINING LIGHTS



What We Often See

- **Shining Makes Us Uncomfortable**
 - **We Don't Want Attention**
 - **We Don't Want To Be Seen As A Hypocrite**

Matthew 6:2, 5; 23:3, 5



What We Often See

- **Shining Might Offend Some**

- **Some Are Comfortable As They Are**

- **Some Prefer Darkness**

Prov. 4:19; John. 3:19, 20



What We Often See

- **Shining Is For Others**
 - **We Feel Unqualified/Inadequate**
 - **We Don't Understand "Shine"**

Matt. 5:13-16



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Don't Think We Need To Shine**

- **You ARE The Light**

Matt. 5:14, 15

- **We Don't Consider Our Influence**

1st Cor. 11:1; Phlp. 2:14, 15



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Our Light Is Dimmed**
 - **We Don't Want To Be TOO Bright**
 - **No One Takes Notice**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Our Light Is Inconsistent**
 - **Not Always 'On'**
 - **A Confusing Signal**

Matthew 6:24



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Adapt To The Darkness**

- **Less Discomfort With A Lack Of Light**

Exod. 23:32, 33; 1st Sam. 8:5; Isa. 52:5; Ezek. 36:22

- **Light Then Seems Strange**

Acts 17:16-19, 32



How Jesus Sees

- **Shining Is Absolutely Necessary**

- **Greater And Lesser Lights**

1st John 5:3; John 8:12

- **“Let The Lower Lights Be Burning”**



How Jesus Sees

- **We Can Be The Light**

- **Exposing Sin And Evil**

Eph. 5:8-11; John 3:20

- **Leading Those In Darkness To Safety**

2nd Tim. 2:24-26



How Jesus Sees

- **Shining Demonstrates Love**

- **For God**

Titus 2:11, 12; John 14:15

- **For Our Fellow Man**

1st John 3:17

