

## Introduction:

When the term 2020 is used what comes to mind. I remember the ABC news program called 20/20. It had the tag line "We're in touch so you'll be in touch." I dare say a lot of us will think of 20/20 vision. This got me to thinking about our vision for 2020. What's your 20/20 vision?

### I) Focus Is A Vital Part of Vision

#### A) To focus means we concentrate and see what is there.

1. Have you ever taken the eye test and not be able to see clearly the letters?
2. What you ever then tried to guess what you think is there? Most of the time we are wrong and even when we are right, it is luck.

#### B) As Christians we need to be focused in 2020.

1. Which means we see clearly what the Bible says, *2 Corinthians 5.7*.
  - a. In flying they talk about flying by instruments. Especially when it is dark and you can't see the ground or the horizon and the pilot become disoriented.
  - b. There are things call optical illusions, where something appears one way but it actually different.

2. To walk by faith means we must trust God with all our heart mind, soul, and body.
  - a. *2 Samuel 22* is titled a Psalm of David when the Lord delivered him from the hands of his enemies and the hand of Saul, *v. 1*. David expresses his trust in the Lord, *v. 2-3, 28-31*.

### **C) Be careful of astigmatism**

1. What is astigmatism? it's simply a refractive error like nearsightedness and farsightedness
2. The cares, riches, and worries of this world can cause us to be nearsighted, *Luke 8.14*
3. Fortunately physical astigmatism is not an eye disease but can be corrected by glasses or RK surgery.
4. Spiritual astigmatism can be corrected by

## **II) Focusing on what we need to change or improved**

### **A) Paul speaks of the changes he made in his life and those changes helped him to see the Lord clearly, *Phil. 3.4-14*.**

1. He had to see Jesus as being the end product of the Law of Moses but he couldn't do that until he stopped focusing on the wrong things.
2. *Psalms 119.18* speaks of opening one's eyes while *verse 37* speaks of turning one's eyes way from worthless things.

### **B) We all have room for improvements, change**

1. Resolutions give the appearance of a plan but are mostly wishes and dreams.
2. Change requires time and effort. To lost weight, help others, be more patient, more loving, save money, etc.  
*James 1.22-25*

### III) Focus on what you have and not on what you don't have

#### A) **Back to the eye chart- we don't tell the optometrist the letters that aren't there.**

1. Sometimes we focus on the negative instead of the positive which leads to complaining or a defeatist attitude.
2. There are some things we don't want to have and we can be thankful.

#### B) **Blessings we often take for granted**

1. There lots of things we take for granted because they are always there- hot water, electricity, our love ones, children, spouse, parents, brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. What you have today – ability or opportunity (*Galatians 6.10*), God's love (*John 3.16*), others who care about you (*Ephesians 4.16*), today or time (*2 Corinthians 6.2*).

### IV) To See What Matters and What Doesn't Matter (Priorities and Perspective)

#### A) **How many times did Jesus and the Apostles point out**

**the temporary nature of some things and the eternal nature of other things.**

1. The suffering of this present time is not to be compared to the eternal home, *2 Cor 4.16-17*.
2. Revelation points out the suffering of Christians, *Revelation 6.10-11*; but then the eternal suffering of the ungodly *Revelation 14.11*.

**B) What is important?**

1. Your soul, it is eternal and worth more than the whole world, *Matthew 16.26*
2. Your influence on others, your family, friends, and neighbors.

**Conclusion:**

May your eyes be clear, your vision sharp, and looking upward.