

What Good Is Light Without Sight?

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John 9:4-5 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

- I. I must work...the works of him that sent me...
 - A. The word means “occupation” and it is common, even now, to hear “What is your occupation?” referring to what we do for a living, or what our life is about.
 - B. Jesus was on the earth for a purpose and He was always about that purpose.
 - C. He did not waste time, and He did not miss anything that God had appointed for his life, because He stayed focused on his purpose for being here.
 - D. God’s work was his purpose, and to Him his life had no meaning other than that.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

- E. He saw every opportunity God gave him because He was looking for it.
- F. He did not waste his time worrying and fretting his mind over vain things, selfish interests, or pleasure.

- II. While it is day...
 - A. Day is the time for working, doing things.
 - B. The day only lasts for a limited amount of time.
 - C. “The night cometh...” when no man can work.
 - D. The night is not for working, and there is a lot of work that simply cannot be done at night, no matter how hard you try.
 - E. The work of God can only be done in the light, while it is day and the light is shining.
 - F. The night cometh and God’s work will stop.
 - G. This is true of all our lives; we only have so much time to do whatever we are going to do on this earth.
 - H. Work must be done within a framework of time.
 - I. When God sent his Son to the earth and gave him a work to do, He also gave him a certain amount of time to do it in.
 - J. The same is true of every one of us.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

- K. Jesus did not fall into the same delusion that all of us do, though, in ignoring that fact and living as if our day is going to last forever.

Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

- L. Jesus summed up his work on earth as this:

John 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

- M. Jesus took every opportunity to be the light of the world.
- N. Then He said to us:

Matthew 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that

are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- O. Light makes it possible to see; without light everyone is blind and CANNOT see.

III. But what good is light without sight?

- A. Well, the world goes on whether we can see it or not.
- B. All the processes of life and the physical world continue as God designed them to work, whether we see them, and understand them, or not.
- C. The sun can be shining at it's brightest, and all of God's creation can be living and moving, but if we are blind we cannot see it.
- D. The light of the world gave sight to the blind, and that is the work He came to do.
- E. Then He commanded and enabled those who follow Him to be the light of the world.
- F. It is still Jesus who opens the eyes of the blind, but when there is no light it would do them no good.
- G. First the light, then the sight.

Genesis 1:3-4 And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.**

- H. What a wonderful thing God has done to open our blinded eyes so that we can see!
- I. He has given us our sight; understanding and all that blessings and wonders that come with being able to see and understand God and his Creation.
- J. When there is light and people refuse to see the things which the light reveals then they are blind on purpose and guilty before God.

John 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

Matthew 13:13-17 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- K. What we see in the light, we must tell others, and show to others.

1 John 2:9-10 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

- L. Letting our light shine only happens when we are good to one another and to others, and people see it.
- M. That provides the light, then Jesus can provide the sight.