

The Need for Vision

A. *Vision* (noun):

1. The act or power of sensing with the eyes; sight.
2. The act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be.
3. A vivid, imaginative conception or anticipation.

B. Very few people have perfect 20/20 vision. According to the National Eye Institute of America:

1. More than 12 million Americans can only see things clearly at a distance (farsighted).
2. More than 32 million can only see clearly those things or people who are close by (nearsighted).
3. A full third have blurry vision due to a less than perfectly round eye surface (astigmatism).
4. More than 150 million Americans use corrective eyewear to improve their sight.

C. Of infinitely greater significance is God-shaped vision of the heart (*Ezek 12:2*):

1. As individuals (*Prov 22:3*).
2. At home (*Prov 31:27*).
3. As a local church (*1 Tim 3:1*).

Without vision:

- We _____ aimlessly (*Prov 1:32; 1 Cor 9:26*)

- We're _____ (*Prov 6:6-11*)

- We're _____ and careless (*Prov 14:15-16*)

- We miss out on what could be valuable _____ (*Prov 15:22*)

- We _____ (*John 11:9-10*)

- We _____ (*Luke 14:28-30*)

- We fail to realize our full _____ (*Matt 25:18,26*)

Don't the most meaningful, eternally significant aspects of life deserve clear vision of the heart?
(*John 3:19-21; Mark 8:25; Matt 7:5*)