

The Short-sightedness of Today



As Peter describes the virtues of a Christian, he says, "For he who lacks these qualities is blind or *short-sighted*, having forgotten his purification from his former sins"(2 Pet 1:9). Short-sighted or near sighted, as other translations state, is nothing more than living for today.



A. Numbers 13

1. the report of the 10 spies was based solely upon what they saw (13:25-29). This report greatly discouraged Israel (14:1-4)
2. Joshua and Caleb saw the fortified cities, the strong people, the giants
- they also saw what the Lord could do (14:8-9)
3. The Problem of short-sightedness is that we live day to day, only in the present. A person just tends to exist.
4. The physical perils of being near-sighted is that a person can't see road signs, stop lights, or dangers down the road until it is too late. Things in a distance are unclear.
- School and home mortgages force us stay on a track about the future. A 20 or 30 year mortgage is a long time. Most don't think about 20 or 30 years down the road
- Short-sightedness is illustrated in eating habits, living paycheck to paycheck
- Fram Oil Filters: "You can pay me now, or you can pay me later"
5. Spiritual short-sightedness leads to the future being unclear and all the focus upon the present
- Rev 3:17-18

The Dangers of Short-Sightedness

1. Do not see the _____ of our words or actions
2. Do not see the _____ that we are forming
3. Ignores the addictive _____ of sin
4. Fails to prepare and _____ our children properly
5. Fails to prepare for coming _____
6. Lacks spiritual dreams and goals

The Amazing Good of Being Able To See Into The Future (2 Cor 4:16-18)

1. Wonderful good done through opportunities (Gal 6:10)
2. Potential of _____ leaders
3. A _____ built around Christ
4. A _____ that pleases God (1 Pet 1:16)
5. A home in _____

B. This country has been built upon dreams, visions and goals

- Benjamin Franklin: "If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail."
1. No one accidently stumbles into Heaven. No one by nature becomes like Christ.
- Phil 3:13-14; 2 Tim 2:15; Eph 4:31-32
 - Heaven Bound is a journey of choices, realizing that each step is connected to the next and together they help me reach my destination

List Three Spiritual Goals for you:

- 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- What must be done to reach these goals?*