

**1st John #20**

**“Night Vision”**

***1st John 1:6***

**The message is one of life; eternal life for all who believe in Jesus Christ and abundant full life for all who walk in fellowship with Jesus Christ.**

And so, understanding, believing and applying the apostle’s message of life by the power and assistance of the Holy Spirit, first brings eternal life and then life-long learning of that message in active experiential fellowship with Jesus Christ brings the abundant full life of inner happiness.

*In his argument, John is a realist who exposes the lie that believers are sinless while retaining the truth that although believers are not perfect and do continue to sin after salvation, nonetheless, it is not profitable and we should make every effort to curb our fleshly pursuits.*

**The glorious light of God shines on four of His primary attributes which are often reflected, while the other six are often absorbed but still present.**

Light represents God’s essence emphasizing His righteousness, justice, love which is grace applied and His faithfulness which is truth applied and they illuminate the Person and the plan of God for us.

*And walking in the Light is not simply being saved but enjoying experiential active abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ.*

**The person involved in consistent jealousy, bitterness and vindictiveness, rejects the Word and eventually, rejects his pastor-teacher.**

The result is scar tissue formed on the soul producing hatred toward others and slavery to the circumstances of life often demonstrated by self-righteousness during prosperity and self-pity during suffering.

*And then this back and forth swaying of hating others and bondage to the details of life produces instability because they’re constantly fighting with themselves in arrogant self-centeredness.*

**Walking in darkness can be manifest in sexual arrogance in which preoccupation with self-gratification or sex without love seeks to satisfy the body, while ignoring the soul.**

Walking in darkness is basically authority-arrogance or buying into Satan’s cosmic system of lies that state that we don’t need God.

*Through arrogant preoccupation with self, the individual fails to make the most difficult transition in life from the enforced humility of the authority in the home to the freedom of free-will choices in life.*

When the children are responsive to their parent’s policy, they have genuine humility and if they leave home with genuine humility, they are mature but if they leave home without it, they are and often remain maladjusted to life.

**Understanding, learning, believing and applying the Word requires motivation, objectivity and concentration.**

**The arrogance of ignorance is failure to make the transition from walking in darkness through ignorance of biblical truth at salvation to understanding and applying the Word or walking in the Light in spiritual maturity.**

*The arrogance of ignorance is the result of negative reaction to the Word in arrogance under strong delusion, rebellion and scar tissue of the soul.*

**Walking in self-centered darkness by preoccupation with self eliminates any capacity for happiness and leads to erroneous ideas about what happiness is; resulting in the arrogant unhappy person demanding attention and expecting everyone else to make him happy.**

**Adversity and unexplained disaster in life often tempt us into a state of self-pity or preoccupation with self in discouragement.**

**The death of a loved one, loss of a job, unfair treatment, unjust criticism, being misunderstood or gossiped about, can lead very easily to the arrogance of discouragement which is an intensification of self-pity.**

*Legitimate desire linked with arrogance becomes lust or unrestrained desire.*

**Intellectual arrogance either glorifies human speculation to the exclusion of biblical truth or it seeks to reconcile the Word with its false concepts and in either case, it's nothing more than walking in darkness.**