

# Seeing Others Clearly

Lesson 03 of 04 in the series: "Seeing Clearly in 2020"

## 1. To make the most of this year, I need to see people God has placed ahead of me. (Life coach, personal trainer, mentor, sports/music coach, financial advisor, etc.)

"He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

- a. Wise people can help me see ways to work smarter. "Using a dull ax requires great strength, so sharpen the blade. That's the value of wisdom; it helps you succeed." Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NLT)
- b. Wise people can help me see things I will never have time to learn on my own. "Get all the advice and instruction you can, so you will be wise the rest of your life." Proverbs 19:20 (NLT) "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12 (NIV)
- c. I need to see wise counsel as worth the extra time, money, and effort I need to invest in obtaining it. "Buy the truth and do not sell it; get wisdom, discipline and understanding." Proverbs 23:23 (NIV)
- d. Good coaching only works if I am willing to receive correction. "Let the godly strike me! It will be a kindness! If they correct me, it is soothing medicine. Don't let me refuse it." Psalm 141:5 (NLT) "To learn, you must love discipline; it is stupid to hate correction." Proverbs 12:1 (NLT)

## 2. To make the most of this year, I need to see people God has placed beside me.

"For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." Romans 8:29 (NLT)

- a. We need relationships with other believers to mature spiritually and genuinely love God and others.

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- b. I will see my brothers and sisters more accurately when I have sober judgement of myself. "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you." Romans 12:3 (NIV) "Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important." Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)

## 3. To make the most of this year, I need to see people God has placed behind me.

- a. I need to see people whom I can help. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'" Matthew 25:34-40 (NLT)
- b. I need to see people in whom I can invest. "Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." 2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

- c. I need to see people who I can tell about Jesus. "...wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest." John 4:35 (NLT)

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**Connect Group Questions:**

1. Who was the best coach you had in junior high or high school? What made him/her such a good coach?
2. Why do you think most people stop listening to coaches after they graduate from high school?
3. Discuss the following verses about acquiring wisdom. What wisdom/coaching do you need in 2020? Where can you find a good coach? How much time/money/effort will it cost?
  - Psalm 90:12, 141:5
  - Proverbs 12:1,16:16, 19:20, 23:23
  - Ecclesiastes 7:11-12, 10:10
4. Which of the following "one another" verses have you experienced in your connect group? How can your connect group do better at "one anothering"?

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5. Read Romans 12:3. What does it look like to have "sober" judgment about yourself? Would you consider yourself "sober" in your self-evaluations? Why? Why not?
6. Read 2 Timothy 2:1-2. Who can you invest in this year?
7. Read Matthew 25:34-40 & John 4:35. Spend some time praying for your connect group and for our church in 2020. Ask God to help us clearly see people who need help and who need Jesus.