



## Outer Growth - Shades

**The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the veils.**

*Isaiah 3:23*

**Sunglasses** - 1 Corinthians 13:12

**Hide** - Isaiah 29:15, Jeremiah 23:24

**Activity** - Galatians 5:19

**Darkness** - Psalms 139:12

**Eyes** - Job 10:4, Matthew 6:23

**Sin** - James 4:17

**Like my new shades? They are helpful on a super sunny day. They block the sun and the harmful UV rays that affect your eyes. It also helps to see better when doing things outside, is fun to wear, and looks great. So wearing sunglasses protects the eyes from harmful rays and aid people in seeing.**

Shades are primarily known as sunglasses. Nowadays, the ever-growing popular specs have become "the cool look" for many people that have one. Before, owners would put the shades on to prevent the sun from directly hindering their view. Today, the specs are far more than blocking the sun's rays. People are wearing shades for reasons other than their primary function. Why? What is the big deal? So what if someone wants to wear shades all day. Should there be a problem with that? Should anybody care what a person wears on their face? Should it bother anybody? The answer to the questions above is irrelevant to a non-believer or believer. However, the reality is that it should matter. Why? Using something other than its primary function will eventually be a problem. For health reasons, wearing shades for hours

each day when the sun's rays are not shining in your eyes, or no bright sun really at all can make eyeballs bulge and appear bulkier than the ordinary. No one wants to have their eyes looking like an owl.

Shades, primarily called "sunglasses," was the only term to use when looking for something to block the sun from our eyes when the bright light was shining on our faces. In verse twelve of First Corinthians, chapter thirteen, this particular scripture is more for describing the partial knowledge of God as seeing a reflection in a dim mirror. However, the verse relates to people wearing shades or sunglasses that see through a dark glass where users who get so accustomed to them become a habit even when the sun is not shining. The sunglasses directly become a part of their identity. Even if the day is clear and not sunny, people will put them on even if the sun is not in their eyes.

Shades, for some people, have become their hiding place to do certain things even when the sun is not in the way. Some users wear them to text while driving to avoid getting caught, which jeopardizes the safety of themselves and others. Other shade users use it for exercise purposes. Not to be seen by the community that they may encounter to know who is working out behind the specs. The other shades people wear for the sake of seeing others and people not seeing them. Shades have also become a tool for people to engage in worldly activity. If the sun is not shining to block a person's view, carnal ideas emerge within the mind of the shade-wearer with the public crew. Shades draw attention to the flesh and the potential to fall into the temptation of the following four areas: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, and lasciviousness. These four categories have something in common: they all need people to engage in this activity, and shades and these four terms are a magnet of attraction to each other.

Shades for those who wear them often have become their light. The people who use this item daily, no matter the weather forecast, no longer decipher the difference between bright and night. Clear skies might mean a sunny day. Dawn might mean light: time to put the

shades on again. A Cloudy day is different from the night: the need to put the shades on. Darkness causes people to forget the brightness of the sun. Therefore, when there is a sunny break, mild day, cloudy, or clear skies, some regular shade users are bothered by the sun, even when it is not shining on their face. The reason for this condition is that they allowed their contrast level to drop. Shades will cause some people to remain in the dark. They do not want the public to see them, but only they watch others.

God can see clearly through the darkness as though it were bright light. Nothing obscures His vision. He will see both sin and suffering distinctly. He notices what we do, whether it's righteous or sinful. He sees our situations, whether they are happy or desperate. Shades will tend to make an individual operate differently than from their norm. Wearing shades in not ideal conditions may have a negative effect. Why? The natural eyes cannot see at any great distance with the specs. They only see one place at a time and only one object after another. Shades users cannot see in the dark and are not aware of what they are portraying. They only see the noticeable objects, and in these, they are sometimes deceived and, at length, fail.

There is a wise saying that the "eyes are the window of the soul." Therefore, shade users who overuse them when the weather is not sunny: what is causing them to cover their eyes? Some spec users say it is only natural to put them on: while others say it makes them look cool. Some shade users do not know why they put them on: it is a habit, and they cope with it. Jesus has just noted that the eye is the lamp of the body. A healthy eye perceives light and transmits that information to the body. In a poetic sense, a functioning view floods the body with light. Light allows a person to see and operate in the world according to what is true. Wearing shades over the eyes constantly disrupts that from happening if overworn. Shades will cause us to do things that could lead to sin. How is that possible? That's crazy! Right? What places do you find people wearing shades besides outside on a sunny day? Parties, movies, funerals, sporting events, dinners, etc.

A magazine article in the middle of 2014 entitled, 'Is it ever acceptable to wear shades indoors?' Wearing shades indoors will likely make you an object of ridicule. Do you want people in a room instantly to judge you as a colossal, thundering ninny, then slip on a pair of shades? Make sure you are indoors and adopt an otherworldly, rock star-like countenance. Await reaction. But keep them on for more than thirty seconds after you step inside a building, and the effect reverses dramatically.

The example above is how the world views a constant shade user, especially indoors. Their response is surprising but expected. If we rephrase the opening paragraph from the beginning, it will read like this: Like my shades? They are not helpful on any day. They block the Son of God and the harmful enough that it affects my life. It does not help me to see how my life is going on the outside and inside. Not fun to wear, but looks great. So wearing sunglasses prohibits my eyes from living for God and stops users from seeing the truth.