A. Darkness (vs. 9, 11):

1. The one who says; Tell, speak – This relates to a person who continuously speaks making this claim.
2. Light – This word fundamental means a light that does not go out (Revelation 21:23; John 1:4, 5, 9). In a time (John’s time) when darkness is dark, no electricity, it is a great analogy for John to use.
3. Hates – Hate takes place Biblically when a person continuously has malicious, unjustifiable feelings, including a strong dislike or indifference towards another person so that they spit at the person in their hearts.
4. Hates – Hate does not need facts. It is simple a person establishing in their hearts a continuous strong dislike for what they believe someone is doing that they cannot stand.
5. Yet hates His brother – A person how continuously dislikes his brother is committed to his feelings.
6. Yet hates His brother – The Jewish leaders hated Christ when He did no evil.
7. Brother – Once we are saved we are all brothers and sisters in Christ whether we like it or not.
8. Brother – Once we are saved we are blood brothers and sisters because of the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 12:46-50) and we are of the same Holy Spirit who is poured into us at the point of salvation (Titus 3:4-8).
9. Brother – Loving another believer should be natural (1 John 1:4, 7); same Spirit, same Word.
10. Darkness – Living in darkness is to purposefully live opposed to God’s Word making this a lifestyle pattern. This can be so definitive that the believer can be viewed as serving evil spirits (1 Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 5:1-11).
11. (Vs. 11) - Hates – Hate takes place Biblically when a person continuously has malicious, unjustifiable feelings, including a strong dislike or indifference towards another person so that they spit at the person in their hearts.
12. (Vs. 11) - Hates – Hate does not need facts. It is simple a person establishing in their hearts a continuous strong dislike for what they believe someone is doing that they cannot stand.
13. (Vs. 11) - Hates – To disobey God in relations to one’s neighbor is to demonstrate hate.
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17. **(Vs. 11) - Walk** – To walk is to make continuous behavioral characteristics lifestyle patterns.  
18. **(Vs. 11) - Walk** – When a believer persistently decides to pattern their lives to willfully disobey God they demonstrate a commitment to walk in darkness.  
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20. **(Vs. 11) - Does not know where he is going** – This person is so in the dark they do not have a complete knowledge of the Word of God and therefore lack a full understanding of what God expects of them. Because this person continuously does not comprehend or understanding where they are going they habitually remain in a lifestyle pattern of disobeying God.  
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22. **(Vs. 11) - Blinded** – Because this believer has stretched themselves towards a lifestyle of darkness they lose the capacity to understand or comprehend what God wants them to do (Ephesians 4:17-23).  
23. **(Vs. 11) - Eyes** – This word means to not be as sharp in a believer’s ability to obey God. Their hearts becomes closed to them being single minded in their focus to obey God.  
24. **(Vs. 11) - Blinded his eyes** – Walking in darkness causes a believer to lack understanding on how to resolve issues.  
25. **(Vs. 11) - Blinded his eyes** – Relationships end because the believe lacks understanding.  
26. **(Vs. 11) - Blinded his eyes** – The leaders who crucified Christ walked in darkness.  

**A. The Light (vs. 10):**

1. **Love** – This word is the word for agape love which stands above a friendship type love phileo.  
2. **Love** – This agape love is purposeful because it represents a willful continuous decision to demonstrate compassion and affection towards someone as the Holy Spirit so directs.  
3. **Love** – Agape love represents a self-sacrificial love that continuously looks out for what is best for others (Philippians 2:1-6).  
4. **Love** – Agape love is produced only as a result of a relationship with Christ (Matthew 22:36-40) as directed by the Holy Spirit because love defines God’s nature and can only come from Him (1 John 4:7-10). Just like Jesus is the light, God is love.
5. **Brother** – Once we are saved we are all brothers and sisters in Christ whether we like it or not.

6. **Brother** – Once we are saved we are blood brothers and sisters because of the blood of Jesus Christ (Matthew 12:46-50) and we are of the same Holy Spirit who is poured into us at the point of salvation (Titus 3:4-8).

7. **Abides** – Despite the troubles or complexity that a relationship may experience anyone who decides to love their brother, based on God’s love, remains steadfast in their obedience to God’s Word. It did not matter how brutal the cross became what mattered most is that Christ remains faithful to do His Father’s will. Even after the thief mocked him and then changed his mind Christ remained focused. Even after the soldiers abused Him Christ still asked God to forgive them.

8. **Light** – The corresponding passage to this reference is 1 John 1:5-7. Even in the Old Testament David says the Word becomes `a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Ps. 119:105). Peter says, from his own experience, that if a believer does not practice the Word their character does not change as a result they become blind and short sighted. This is why we are described as sons of light (Luke 16:8).


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12. **He is in the light** - To be in the light is to consistently practice the truth (1 John 1:6).

13. **Cause for stumbling** – To stumble means to fall into a trap that is waiting like in ambush for a believer. It’s a picture of Satan waiting to ambush a believer, so they fall into a sin. When a believer falls into this trap it ruins them. It can also relate to behavioral patterns of a believer that can lead to them being ruined.

14. **Cause for stumbling** – To have no cause of stumbling does not mean this person does not sin. 1 John 1:8-9 would contradict that. It means, within the context, that this person makes good decision as they walk in the light, loving other believers so they do not develop behavioral patterns that lead to their ruin (Hebrews 12:1-3 – we do not become entangled).

15. **Cause for stumbling** – Because this believer decides to have a lifestyle of obedience to God’s Word they do not willfully decide to walk in darkness and as a result they do not fall into traps set by Satan (Ephesians 4:25-32).

16. **Cause for stumbling** – A person who commits to love eventually has a light all through the tunnel (John 11:9-10; John 16:1; 2 Peter 1:9-11).