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the people who know their God will display strength and take action

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## Reject the Path of Meaninglessness

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Ephesians 4:17–20 (NASB95; emphasis mine)

<sup>17</sup> So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, **that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> and they, having become callous (or past feeling), have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. <sup>20</sup> But you did not learn Christ in this way,**

Ephesians 5:6–7 (NASB95; emphasis mine)

<sup>6</sup> **Let no one deceive you with empty words,** for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Romans 1:28 (NASB95; emphasis mine)

<sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, **God gave them over to a depraved mind,** to do those things which are not proper,

1 Corinthians 1:18–19 (NASB95; emphasis mine)

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, **“I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE.”**

Early this morning, I had a series of dreams with a common theme: people who had drifted into meaningless nonsense.

The first was about a Christian graduate student studying at a Christian university. He was explaining his theory about corporate culture, which was full of human wisdom. He had not received revelation from the Holy Spirit but had formed an utterly nonsensical point of view, leaving me with a sense of him having been indoctrinated with woke ideology. I pressed him with questions about why he believed his theory was Biblical, but he could not give an answer.

The second dream concerned a famous musician, singer, and songwriter who was serving food, symbolizing her profession and the release of songs and albums over the years. She was serving “food” to the masses. Her explanation of her work left me with a sense of meaningless activity.

The third dream featured two corporate marketing professionals discussing their work. I pressed them on their approach and then confronted them about how they were living, following

their own reasoning. As I was involved in this conversation, a member of another company approached and said, “The questions that you posed to us concerning the meaninglessness of our work have haunted us. We would like to discuss the topic further.”

The overriding theme was meaningless endeavors that amounted to a waste of one’s life. In each case, they had followed the reason of man and the wisdom of this age, rather than the prompting and revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus demonstrated and taught that we are to do nothing on our own initiative but to do what the Father is doing and say what He is saying, a concept emphasized in the Gospel of John 2:11, 32; 5:19-20, 30; 7:16; 8:26-29, 42; 10:18; 12:49-50; 14:10; 16:13.

If we are to avoid meaninglessness in our lives, we must have ears to hear what the Spirit of God is saying, eyes to see what He is doing, and the courage to follow Him. To sharpen our spiritual senses, we must study the Bible under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit, who was sent to guide us into all truth (Jn 14:16-17, 26; 16:13). Accepting Jesus as the Son of God and surrendering our lives to Him is the only path to a meaningful life.

The Lord has called us to preach His truth, not our point of view, theories, or the wisdom of this age. He has said, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will set aside” (Is 29:14; I Cor 1:19; 2:6; 3:19-20). We would do well not to stand in His way.

These dreams affected me deeply, leaving me with a sick stomach and deep grief.

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