The Vex of Conformity

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INTRODUCTION

- He's implemented this so that spiritual people will understand the spiritual significance of what we're doing.
- Isn't it true that his death really should shape how we think about everything?
- We get sometimes we get lost in that. We kind of need to be reminded of that.

1 Why Is a Spiritual and Eternal Perspective Hard?

2 Corinthians 4; James 4:3

- It's tough because it's unseen. We want to see things, right?
- We don't see the full benefit now, do we?
- When will we see the full benefit? When faith becomes sight, right?
- So what if we die? We're going to die, right? So but our perspective, again, is that it's this eternal perspective. And it is, it's very hard to have.

2 Being Carnally Minded Is Easy

Ephesians 4:17

- Why is it hard to be spiritually minded? Because being carnally minded is easy.
- And it's not only easy, there are things about it that are good. There are things about it that gratify us.
- Now, remember, Paul's talking to Christians.
- You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk in the futility of their mind.

3 Intellect, Emotion, and Will

Ephesians 4:18–19

- There are three factors in you doing what you do.
- So we have intellect, emotion, and will. We decide things. We choose things that we're gonna do.
- The only difference in a person who is a believer is there's a fourth thing that's added to that has to do with what's right and wrong.
- That shouldn't surprise us at all. Why? Because they're walking in the futility of their mind.
- When you don't have God in your mind, you'll do anything that you're big enough to do.

4 Christ Has Taught You Differently

Ephesians 4:20–24

- Christ has taught you differently. See, he goes on to say the truth is in Jesus.
- When he said behave, I knew what I was doing wrong. He had already taught me.
- It's not that we don't know what we ought to do. What's the problem? We don't want to do it.

- You need to be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
- Why? Because we forget. We forget, and we need to be stirred up.

5 Vanity of Vanities, All Is Vanity

Ecclesiastes 1:2; Ecclesiastes 2:17–18

- Your life is meaningful, but what happens in your life happens in short spurts. It's meaningful, but it's meaningful only for a moment.
- This stuff that we get so excited about, it just doesn't last. None of those kinds of pleasures last.
- He says, enjoy that, but keep it in perspective. Know that you need to fear God.
- Have this perspective that life is important, but it's going to be brief.
- Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me for all his vanity and grasping for the wind.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Be reminded of what of who we are and what we need to do.**

MY NOTES