

228-The vain side of things-11-12-10

Vain = no profit, why would you do it? You shouldn't do it i.e. ignorant, worthless, you lose.
If you read this and do nothing you have read it in vain. Pray ~ God teach me what I'm doing that is vain.

The vain side of things. Years ago an elderly man was riding a train. He was a famous writer. He kept searching for his ticket and couldn't find it. The conductor called him by name and said, "don't worry about it. We know you would not get on this train without a ticket. Forget it." The old man said, "I did buy my ticket. The problem is, I forget where I'm supposed to get off." You must know where to get off the vain side of things.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

The vain side of Faith

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith, *the body*, without works, *the spirit*, is dead also.

James 2:18 Yea, a man may say , Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Works are the spirit, *life*, of faith.

The vain side of Hope

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Ps 127:2 It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep.

1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

The vain side of Charity

Ephesians 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

It is not vain to talk to yourself nor sing to yourself.

Eph 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord: (Love lifted me.)

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly ; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known . 13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Jeremiah 4:14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved . How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?

Psalms 119:113 I hate vain thoughts: but thy law do I love .