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Foolish Hearts of the Unregenerate

Ephesians 4: 17-19

For the first half of the letter to the Ephesians Paul has been teaching them primarily who they are in Christ. Now, as he transitions into the practical application portion of the letter, he gives a firm command. The Ephesian believers, and all believers for that matter, must no longer walk as they once did. They are now regenerate. The unregenerate is futile in mind, darkened, hard hearted, callous, and sensual.

1. **From the sermon, what does it mean if a person is futile in mind?**

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2. **The unbeliever has a futile mind. The believer has a regenerated mind. What must the believer feed the mind in order to nourish it? Why is this a critical practice?**

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3. **The natural man believes he is wise. Yet, he is darkened in understanding and he is ignorant to the things of God ultimately because he has hardened his heart. As described in the sermon they are senseless. However, because we follow Christ the world views us as senseless, simple minded and unwise. In reality because we have become united with Christ we have become the wisest of men and women. We know the truth.**

Believer, do you view yourself this way? Not that it should make you prideful, but do you see how great a privilege you have?

(Side Note: God has made us wise to the truth. Do not be intimidated by the so called "wisdom" of this world. They worship the creature instead of the Creator. Jeremiah 10:1-16)

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4. Not only is the unregenerate futile, darkened, and hardened, Paul goes on to say they are callous and sensual. There is no filter. No Shame. Everything goes. That is a terrifying thing. Describe in your own words why this is such a dangerous condition for a person to be in. Does it motivate you to speak the truth to them? Does it break your heart to see people in this condition? We have the medicine. Let us dispense it.

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