



No Growth - Vanity

Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away.

Psalms 144:4

Valuables - Matthew 6:19

Attachment - Gal. 5:19-21

Nag - Proverbs 27:15

Idol - image 1 John 5:21

Time -Colossians 4:5

Yourself - 1 Peter 3:3

What is vanity? Vanity is pleasure, wealth, and various delights that the flesh may desire. This quality may appear in several forms: conceit, possessions, and accomplishments. The problem with vanity is not the present but the future. This quality is at its best leading up to the moment. However, vanity becomes its worst enemy when the time comes, and the moment is now nothing but a memory. Similar to us as human beings. We have our beginning, we peak up to our prime, and then we start to fade until it is no longer our time.

Vanity is associated with prized possessions. These are the things that we consider dear to us and perhaps think unable to live without them. No matter how we look at it, know the earthly value, and have so much of that, the new apparently will become old and eventually phase out of our minds. The item once was a priority is now a part of our history.

Vanity may be a connection to our flesh. There are certain things that we have in our life that will cause us to protect it with all our might. However, these earthly things manifest through our external being and are not our inner spiritual being. They are a part of the world that we use but not a part of us.

Vanity may cause unhappiness. Rich people that accumulate so much wealth and assets in a short period can be externally challenging. Most of them are constantly reviewing their assets which are on the external, and not being able to cater to their internal needs. Therefore, if a wealthy person begins their day not feeling like their usual self, they cannot go to their car and say, "hello car, I am not feeling happy today, will you help feel better?" Things do not attend to our feelings, but we deal with them.

Vanity may become too passionate. If we are not focused on God properly or anything else that should be a higher priority in our lives, then we need to check ourselves. A particular thing or possession should not be head over everything else. Vanity should not be time-consuming. If we have too much of something and we desire to give to others, that is quality time used to help others and not just ourselves. However, if we selfishly indulge in our possessions and are not considerate to others, how do we expect to impact them? Do we care to connect?

Vanity should not be self-centered but self-surrendered. This quality should not be boisterous or create disturbances in a world governed by materialism, manipulative fashions, and self-assertion but a matter of building our character and not decorating ourselves.

Vanity is something to be prepared to be shared, not to be aired and declared.