

## No Growth - Philosophy

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

## Colossians 2:8

People - Gal 1:10, Prov 18:2
Human nature- Mark 7:21-23
Ideas - 2 Timothy 3:7
Life - 1 John 2:16
Opinion - 2 Corinthians 4:4
Study - Proverbs 18:1
Occupy - 1 Timothy 5:13
Physical - Romans 8:8
Hear - 2 Timothy 4:4
Yoke - Galatians 5:1

Philosophy is human opposition to the Word of God and transitions people and unbelievers to believe in false teaching. However, Jesus came to set the captives free and not to leave the people in spiritual chains. The philosophy is the physical approach to life that deals with sin and seeks to make humans enslaved yet fighting against every evil thought to make it captive to Christ. The first part of Second Corinthians chapter ten, verse five, is self-explanatory.

What could make people captive in our society? Human philosophy. The way of life pleases the human self and not God. This Bible's stance on deep thinking, logic, and philosophy-as-philosophy is positive but based on explicitly anti-Christian principles. The philosophy is "deceptive," using trickery or

cheating. In other words, actual critical thinking is not the problem. Self-deluding, worldly philosophical "tricks" are the problem that promotes self-gain.

Philosophy involves that human nature is like "empty deceit" that would include hollow rhetoric or outright lies. "Elemental spirits" is the basic assumptions we use in our thinking. If a person starts from a blatantly anti-spiritual standpoint, they come to anti-spiritual conclusions. The approach reminds us that fallen human wisdom can be at odds with Christ's teachings.

Philosophy is "human tradition," reminding us that simply because an idea is the first choice does not make it right. This method implies the laws, rules, or handed-down regulations of humanity. All believers must focus on truth and Christ, not trickery and human preference. The ideas from the mind are predominantly from the flesh and cannot please God. The desires are from the carnal nature and not from the spirit to reach the Lord.

Philosophy concerns the flesh itself. The earthly want description of "the world," identifying two "desires" and a form of pride. First are desires or lusts of "the flesh," referring to what the body desires. Anything craved excessively or inappropriately, from food to sexual impurity: it's not about ordinary or necessary physical desires. Second are desires of "the eyes." It not only refers to those things we see but those we imagine or put our "mental" eyes on.

The third is the "pride of life," meaning sinful desires which bring attention to self. A referral to the habit of bragging about ourselves is in Saint Mark chapter seven, verse twenty-two, where Jesus Christ calls boastful pride a sin and endured similar temptations from the Devil in Matthew four, one through eleven. These desires and egos are not given to us by God and are temptations from the godless world. A person marked by love for the world does not have a love of God. Instead, the person has a passion for the flesh, a love for self. Philosophy derives from someone's opinion that comes to mind, which a person contemplates following or not. Eve, Adam's very own, was aware of the instructions she and he received from God concerning the fruit on the tree they were not to eat in the Garden

of Eden. However, the serpent uses a philosophical approach to Eve that convinces her to eat the forbidden fruit. Philosophy can influence someone's life in the direction they did not intend to go. Eve decides to listen to the serpent due to the physical attraction: her eyes, the serpent's words, the fruit, all flesh mode.

Philosophy is about learning. There is nothing wrong with learning new things, but if it will lead you away from God to hurt yourself and others eternally, then that is a problem. The conflict with this approach is earthly activities tend to lure an individual further away from the truth about themselves and their purpose in life with God. The Physical attraction to the world is to spoil or despoil you carnally and rob you of a spiritual connection with God Himself. Take away from you the truths and doctrines of Christ, and divest you of your spiritual privileges and blessings, suggesting that the way we came and are going is from other natural resources and not spiritually from God. Philosophy creates the tendency for people to be busy with trivial matters that would block opportunity from coming to Christ and knowing Him. For example, some people get an invitation to attend church service, and they thankfully accept at that moment. However, as the day approaches, some opt out due to another engagement that came up suddenly at the last minute. These individuals encounter things like a friend inviting them over to some activity, having to run an errand, or some emergency relating to a relative or family member that needs help. People do not realize that there is an enemy behind the scenes attempting to intercept the chance of an appointment with Christ.

Philosophy strictly involves living for the flesh. Non-Christians, those who live by the selfish, self-reliant, sinful flesh, are not capable of submitting to God. After all, living for myself, by definition, means not living for another, including God. The "flesh" is not just about sexual sin or greed, which is how others think of sins of the flesh but includes all self-serving sins. The most surprising thing about people that live after the world is they keep a certain radius from others that live for God. Those that follow philosophy will talk about it and visit the church, but their heart is on carnal things that

these people would need a vacation away from how they live and be among believers to understand how they are living. Philosophy is receiving information pleasing to the flesh. Tell these people what they like to hear rather than what is true. These philosophical individuals who fall away will specifically be avoiding the truth. In addition to not enduring sound teaching and finding teachers of their liking, these unfaithful people will turn the other direction from reality. If honesty says to go right, these people go left. They will not live by the truth or even listen to it. Instead of responding to reason and conviction, they will rebel against it. Philosophy is bondage. Many people entangle themselves in a society that operates in an ungodly lifestyle. However, this is the nature of the flesh. Philosophy can only take a person so far, to such an extent that they realize that there is more to life apart from the physical: there is the spiritual. Philosophers will ignore it as much as possible. However, when a problem arises, and they do not comprehend the situation, some will tend to ask for support or keep them in their prayers or cry out to God for help.

Philosophy is vain. Not to condemn all arts and sciences as useless and hurtful, such as natural philosophy in its various branches, ethics, logic, and rhetoric, when kept within due bounds and in their proper place and sphere. Philosophy may be beneficial as a handmaid, but it is not to be a mistress in theological things. It may serve but not govern. It is not as a judge or rule in such matters.

Fact:

Philosophy - fill loss so fee.

Those who follow this way will pay.