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Sometimes, we all feel WORTHLESS. Feeling WORTHLESS is about feeling helpless. It is about allowing Satan to attack our minds. He is WORTHLESS. I'm Ken Trahan & Welcome to Walking in the Word with Williams Blvd. Baptist Church.

When I was young, I collected baseball picture cards. I wanted every player from every team, the complete set. I would go to the Super Store, the Lil' General or Time Saver store to spend my dime or quarter to get a new pack of cards.

If I got duplicate cards, I was bummed. I looked to trade with others, though not very successfully. Those duplicates were WORTHLESS to me. If I got new guys or guys I liked, I was thrilled. It made me feel bowed up, important.

There have been many WORTHLESS, meaningless pursuits in my life. My pursuit of my wife was well worth it. The blessing of two healthy, beautiful children was well worth it. Our quest to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ is well worth it.

Simone Weil said, "A science which does not bring us nearer to God is WORTHLESS." Thomas Carlyle said, "Conviction is WORTHLESS unless it is converted into conduct."

Being WORTHLESS is useless. In 1st Corinthians 15:14, Paul says, "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless & so is your faith. Counterfeit money is WORTHLESS. Counterfeit faith is WORTHLESS. The real deal is priceless!

Jesus is the real deal. He died for us that we may live. He was raised from the dead. He walked out of the grave & ascended into Heaven to be with His Father. He will come back to claim His bride, His people, at the appointed time. Nothing WORTHLESS about that!

Proverbs 11 provides a good word on WORTHLESS. Verse 4: "Wealth is WORTHLESS in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."

Money & possessions mean nothing & are WORTHLESS—you can't take anything with you from this earth. Those seeking righteousness earnestly will find life. That is a great lesson!

Deceptive words are WORTHLESS, Jeremiah 7:8. Psalm 119:37 says to “turn my eyes away from WORTHLESS things; preserve my life according to Your Word.”

We spend far too much time pursuing generally or totally insignificant things in life. We have to weed out what is unimportant & seek what is righteous. As in all aspects of life, we must pick & choose what we pursue & make sound decisions.

We cannot allow ourselves to be steered away from what is most important in our lives. The devil seeks to distract us & destroy us through confusion. We must have a clear focus, tunnel vision on what the task at hand is.

Distractions are plentiful. What we claim to be & what we say is important. James 1:26 says, “those who consider themselves religious & yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, & their religion is WORTHLESS.”

We simply cannot claim to be followers of Christ if our words do not match our claims. Absent a true relationship with Jesus, our beliefs & claims are WORTHLESS.

When I was a teen ager, my late mother threw those baseball picture cards away, figuring I had outgrown my childhood pursuit. Initially, I was angry because I then knew that some of those cards may be worth money.

Ultimately, the cards were WORTHLESS. I could not take them with me when I depart this earth. The pursuit of money was useless, unless I had a vintage Honus Wagner card. Never got that one though I cherished my Mickey Mantle cards!

When that day comes, I sincerely hope my ID, my picture card will be admitted into the Kingdom of Heaven. If not, I will end up as WORTHLESS as those picture cards. The door is open. Time to pursue what is meaningful!

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