

8 Humanistic Errors Creeping Into the Modern Church

In my opinion, humanistic values frame much of the teaching and theology of the contemporary church. By humanism, I mean anything people refer to as self-empowering that does not originate from the worldview portrayed in Scripture or depend upon our identification with the cross of Christ for our essence and existence. It is also any idea that glorifies the self instead of glorifying God.

1. You can do anything you dream you can do. I have heard many people say they can do anything they desire or dream to do. Some even quote the Scripture (out of context, of course) in Philippians 4:13 (BSB), “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength,” speaking of their potential for fulfilling their dreams. Despite all this wishful thinking, we cannot be anything we desire, and we cannot make something happen merely because we dream about it.

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God has apportioned to each one of us only a measure of faith (Rom. 12:3) based upon our specific assignment (Eph. 4:7) according to His will, not ours (1 Cor. 12: 5-7).

No matter how hard one tries, wishes or dreams, God gives us assignments that limit our capacity based on the natural and supernatural abilities we have, by God’s design, received at birth. Those who teach that people can do or be anything they desire to do or be have taken their cue from secular humanism rather than from the Bible.

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2. Cut out toxic people from your life. I have read numerous posts on social media related to people advising their followers to eliminate “toxic people” from their lives. Of course, we have to define what they mean by toxic. If they are referring merely to people who are challenging to get along with or may not always agree with them, then said posts are misleading since the Word of God teaches us to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves (Rom, 15:1).

Furthermore, disagreements are sometimes a healthy way to come to proper conclusions regarding right and wrong (1 Cor. 11:19).

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