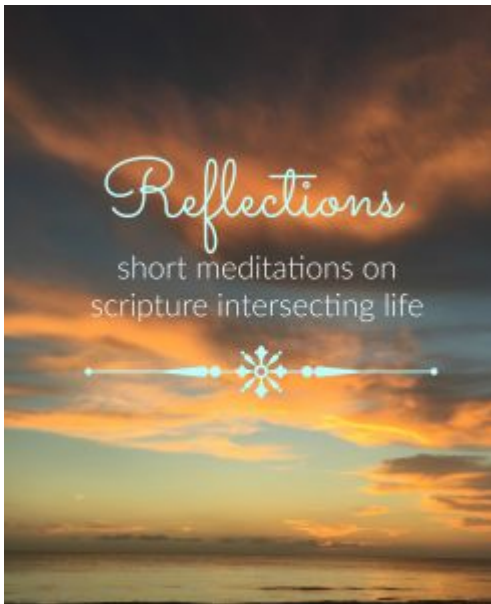


Reflections Craftsmen

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The whole human race is foolish and has no knowledge! The craftsmen are disgraced by the idols they make, for their carefully shaped works are a fraud. These idols have no breath or power. Idols are worthless; they are ridiculous lies! On the day of reckoning they will all be destroyed. Jeremiah 51:17-18 NLT

In this passage, God is disgusted with the craftsmen. Why? Because the metalsmiths have been using their talents and gifts to make worthless idols. God just couldn't understand how people could make an object of wood or metal, call it a god, and then worship it as if it had created them or loved them or cared for them! They were taking the gifts and talents God had bestowed upon them and were using them to disrespect God and lead others astray.

That lead me to evaluate my talents and gifts, and I realized that ultimately there are only three ways I can use mine:

1. I'm not using them.

2. I'm using them in a worthless way.
3. I'm using them in a "worthful" way.

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