CAN DREAMS COME TRUE?

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"For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is known by multitude of words."

Ecclesiastes 5:3

Most of us, who possess any ambition at all, have dreams of accomplishing things in this life. It is not a thing to be admired when a person is content with doing nothing, when there is an absence of initiative and purpose. Noble goals should motivate us to strive to do our best. We want to see God work in our families. We want to see our children grow toward spiritual maturity and responsibility. We want to support the work of God with our labors, our prayers, and our finances. We want to be able to influence others toward Christ by our testimony and conduct. These and other worthy dreams often occupy our minds.

It is not wrong to have a dream. It is consistent with God's Word and His will. As a matter of fact, it is a good thing to think specifically in terms of what we plan to do with our lives. But how can these dreams come true? Day dreaming, or just thinking about what we want to fulfill, will not make our dreams come true. Talking about our goals will not bring them to fruition. Our text says, "a fool's voice is known by multitude of words." We all have known those who talked much about what they hoped to do or planned to do, but they never seemed to get any closer to seeing those ideas materialize. It seems that some can actually deceive themselves into believing that if they talk a great deal about their ambitions, it means they are helping to fulfill their dreams. Words are powerful, but words do not make dreams come true.

How then can our dreams come true? Our Scripture passage says, "a dream cometh through the multitude of business." Herein lies a simple and yet great lesson for us all. Dreams can come true, but they usually require concentrated effort on our part. The Word of God specifically says, "the multitude of business." One of the reasons many worthy dreams never come true is the simple failure to pay the price in hard work and perseverance that is required. This is not discounting the matter of faith and trusting God. That should be assumed. But worthy goals usually require much toil. To have the kind of families we want, to see our lives become useful instruments of God, to see our ministries grow, we must be willing to trust God and also diligently work as He guides us.