

Human Feelings and the Truth

Introduction

2 Kings 5:9-14

It Can't Be Wrong When it Feels So Right

1. Feelings have become a kind of “god” to many people today.
2. It has become the popular standard for making even the most important of decisions.
3. ILLUSTRATIONS:
 - A. Taking the wrong road and thinking we're on the right road.
 - B. A lineman can't tell which wires are safe based on their own personal feelings.
4. So what is the problem?
 - A. There is failure to honor and obey God's commands above our own human feelings!

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. "And you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**"

Colossians 3:17 And **whatever you do in word or deed**, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a **doer of the work**, this one will be blessed in what he does.

Using Feelings as the Standard Will Prove Worthless

1. Our Christian walk is a walk of faith - not feelings.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

A. How do we gain that faith (Rom 10:17)? We don't gain faith based upon how we feel about a given subject or matter.

2. Feelings can however, serve some vital roles once one is in harmony with the truth.

Acts 8:39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way **rejoicing**.

Ephesians 4:26-27 "Be **angry**, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil.

3. But feelings are not the criteria that we use when deciding whether a thing is right or wrong!

A. How do we decide?

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched the Scriptures daily** to find out whether these things were so.

John 17:17 "Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word** is truth.

Applications of the Principle

1. **You, or others may FEEL what is right but to really KNOW what is right we must look at the truth --- the word.**

Jeremiah 10:23 O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

Isaiah 55:8-9 "For **My thoughts are not your thoughts**, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

2. **EXAMPLES:**

A. How to be saved:

Mark 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

B. True Worship as God has directed:

John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and **truth.**" (*YOUR WORD IS TRUTH*)

1 Corinthians 14:15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

C. The Work of the Local Church:

1 Timothy 3:15 but if I am delayed, I write so that **you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

D. Morality:

1 Peter 4:1-2 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he **no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men**, but for the will of God.

Romans 13:13-14 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.**

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, **that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has **appeared to all men**, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we** should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

E. False Doctrine:

Galatians 2:5 to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, **that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.**

1 John 4:1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit**, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. **By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**

