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From the Bishop's Pen!

Don't Let Feelings Fool You

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Following God is easier when we are led by His Spirit rather than by our emotions. It is God's greatest desire that, as believers, you and I progressively learn how to be led by His Spirit. However, there is a powerful enemy that stands in the way: our emotions. Satan is the most powerful enemy we face externally, but internally, it's our emotions that give us some of the biggest problems. Emotions are strong, complex internal responses that result in bodily changes. They are sometimes helpful and at other times hurtful. They come in positives and negatives. They are not evil, but they also are not holy. Emotions can make you laugh one hour and cry the next. Not wanting them doesn't stop them from coming, and wanting them doesn't make them come. They are apt to quit on us when we need them most and flare up when we wish they would go away.

The truth is, we are always going to have emotions, and it's not a sin to have them. It's when we follow them that we often get into trouble. But I believe through the power of the Holy Spirit, you and I can learn how to recognize our feelings and realize where they are trying to take us. Then by His grace, we can learn how to manage our emotions instead of letting them manage us.

UNDERSTANDING OUR EMOTIONS... Emotions, or feelings, are part of our soulish realm. We are a spirit, we have a soul, and we live in a body. Our soul is the intangible area between our spirit--the place where God lives--and our physical body. It is made up of our mind, will and emotions--it tells us what we think, what we want and how we feel. Of these three areas of the soul, it's our feelings that get stirred up the fastest and can lead us into temptation the quickest.

Once our emotions get stirred up, they can quickly deceive our mind. After this happens, the voice of our conscience, which operates out of our spirit, is denied its normal standard of judgment. In other words,

our God-given inner voice of insight and understanding becomes drowned out by the cries of our emotions. In this unstable state, we don't know God's will for our lives. We become confused about what we should and shouldn't do. As a result, we commit to things that God doesn't want us to commit to; we quit doing things that God wants us to remain a part of, and we say things that damage our relationships.

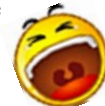
When we follow our feelings instead of following God's Spirit, we are living the life of the flesh, and it keeps us out of God's will. Romans 8:8 says that "those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please or satisfy God, or be acceptable to Him" (The Amplified Bible). This doesn't mean that God doesn't love us. What it does mean is that He is not satisfied with, nor will He accept fleshly behaviour. It is imperative that we learn how to walk in the Spirit. When we "walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then [we] will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God)" (Gal. 5:16).

To be continued....

Brenda and Terry are going out for the evening. The last thing they do is put their cat out. The taxi arrives, and as the couple walk out of the house, the cat scoots back in. Terry returns inside to chase it out. Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explains to the taxi driver, 'My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.' Several minutes later, an exhausted Terry arrives and climbs back into the taxi saying, 'Sorry I took so long, the stupid idiot was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!'



A newspaper boy was standing on the corner with a large pile of papers, shouting, 'Read all about it. **Twenty five** people cheated. Twenty five people cheated.' Intrigued, a man walked over, bought a paper, and checked the front page. What he saw was yesterday's paper. The man said, 'Hey, this is an old paper, where's the story about the big swindle?' The newspaper boy ignored him and went on yelling out, 'Read all about it. **Twenty six** people cheated.'



Love Came Down

A long dusty road into Bethlehem town,
nowhere to stay but a stall,
A baby of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes,
could He be the Lord over all?
The ancient writings foretold the new-born King!
And love came, Jesus Messiah, the Saviour, born as a child.
His love, His love came down.
Love came, Light of the nations, He gave his gift of salvation
His love, His love came down.
While under the sky in the darkest of night
shepherds were tending their sheep
An angel appeared with the heavenly host proclaiming
good tidings and peace.
In David's city you'll find the new-born King!
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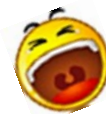
By Don Chapman and Adam Fisher.

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Sophie Slinger	10 Sept



**So adorable...
and they don't
talk back!!!**



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We are Apostolic Pentecostals

- We are Charismatic and Passionate about Jesus Christ
- We believe in One God
- We believe baptism in the Name of Jesus Christ
- We believe in the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- We believe in living a Godly Life.