



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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## ***Heart to Heart...***

Have you ever been at a place where your senses fail you? Take for instance where there is an illusion that the law of gravity is askew? Near Los Angeles, California, it is said that motorist's stop their cars at a certain point on the side of a hill, shut off their engines and release the brake. Their car seems to roll up hill. But a plumb level placed on the ground where the cars begin shows that the cars are actually rolling downhill. The eye can be deceived while the level cannot.

In our lives we have to make determinations about things. How do we go about those determinations? Many act or decide on things based on their natural thinking, senses of feelings and emotions. When people form statements and beliefs based on how they feel or emotionally moved at the moment that is not a safe thing to do. God speaks through His word: ***"But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil."*** (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22) How does one go about examining carefully? What is the standard to be used? Our feelings? Our thoughts? The thoughts of others?

It has to be based on the word of God, not how we feel about something. Too many are basing things on their emotional state at the moment they encounter something. That is why parents fail in dealing properly with their children. The strong natural senses take control and that becomes the basis of their reasoning's and thoughts in dealing with them. The same is said of our salvation. Too many base their relationship with the Lord on what they feel. They feel the Lord's nearness or feel Him in their heart. What people feel in their heart can be very misleading. ***"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered."*** (Proverbs 28:26) Jeremiah speaks that ***"the heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick."*** (Jeremiah 17:9) What is one to do? Follow the Lord and His word carefully, not your feelings or some catchy phrase from the world to get you through.

***"Thus says the Lord, 'Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord.'"*** (Jeremiah 17:5) Our determinations and walk with the Lord must be based totally on the Lord. Sometimes it is difficult to accept, but it is always the best. By following the Lord you will not have to worry about a harmful decision made that will make matters worse down the line. It might hurt at the moment but it will lead you to peace and deliver you from fleshly, emotional wrong moves. Too many walk with their emotions and senses and the word of the Lord is left inactive. Think about it!!!

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