



“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...

In our lives we must make determinations about situations. How do we make proper assessments and know what is needed? There is a place near Los Angeles, California, where it is said that motorists stop their cars at a certain point on the side of a hill and can shut off their engines watching their car roll ‘up’ the hill. They placed a plumb line at this point to show that the ground at that point is downhill. The eyes can be deceived while the level cannot.

The Corinthians were taught that man did not use God’s wisdom, or they would not have killed Jesus (I Corinthians 2:6-8). Man used their natural senses, **“But just as it is written, ‘Things which the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered into the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.’”** (I Corinthians 2:9) You cannot make wise choices or have proper understanding through your natural senses.

Too many are making their decisions and understanding on their senses and base their beliefs on these senses. People want to be moved emotionally so they rely on these senses. God speaks: **“But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.”** (I Thessalonians 5:21-22) How does one go about examining things properly and what standard is used?

Everything must be based on the word of God not our senses. Parents deal with their children through senses rather than the word of the Lord. The same with salvation. Too many base their relationship with the Lord on what they feel in their heart. They feel the Lord’s nearness or Him moving in their heart. **“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). We need to humbly submit our emotions under the might hand of God and follow His teachings, not our emotions or senses.

“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 on the instructions from the Lord and nothing else. Sometimes it is difficult to accept, but it is always the best way to live life. Listening and following the Lord will keep you from harmful decisions that can make matters worse in our lives. Too many walk using their senses and the word of the Lord is pushed to the side.

How do you make determinations? Do you rely on the word of the Lord or what you feel? The Lord reveals to those who love Him the things God has prepared and that becomes the driving force behind their decisions. Think about it!!!

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