

"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

Some Things You Should Know



You should know that the same church today:

- ✓ Is guided by the same word (1 Peter 1:22-25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- ✓ Contends for the one faith (Jude 3; Ephesians 4:5).
- ✓ Pleads for unity for all believers (John 17:20-21; Ephesians 4:4-6).
- ✓ Is not a denomination (1 Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 4:1-6).
- ✓ Is faithful to Christ (Luke 6:46; Revelation 2:10; Mark 8:38).
- ✓ Where's the name of Christ (Romans 16:16; Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16).

Do You Feel Compelled?

Feelings are not always wrong, but sometimes they can lead us astray if we do not balance them with God's word.

I imagine that we have all done something we felt was right and later found out that it was wrong. If you are like me, you have driven on a strange road feeling confident that you were going the right way but found yourself lost.

Feelings cannot always differentiate between the truth and a lie.

After Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery they took his coat and dipped it in blood to make it look like he had been killed. Then, they took the coat to their father. Claiming to have found the coat, they asked their father if it was Joseph's. Jacob felt that Joseph must have been killed by a wild beast ([Gen. 37:12-33](#)). Jacob's feelings deceived him and his sons did not tell him the truth.

Later, there was a famine in the land and Joseph's brothers went to Egypt to buy food. Eventually Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. Joseph's brothers had to go home and tell Jacob that Joseph was still alive. Jacob did not believe them - he probably felt that they were telling a lie or had been deceived. After his sons showed him the gifts from Joseph, Jacob finally believed that his son was still alive ([Gen. 45:26-28](#)).

Feelings can also lead us to commit sin.

In the second year of Saul's reign he ran into trouble with the Philistines. His son had attacked the garrison at Geba. When the Philistines heard about it, they assembled a great army of thirty thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and a multitude of soldiers. Saul and the people feared the Philistines and many of the people hid in caves, thickets, rocks, holes, and pits.

God, through Samuel, had commanded Saul to go to Gilgal and wait seven days for Samuel. On the seventh day, Saul felt that Samuel was not coming. So, he offered a sacrifice to God instead of waiting for Samuel to come and offer the sacrifice.

Samuel arrived when Saul had offered the sacrifice. Samuel asked Saul, "What have you done?" Saul explained the circumstances and said: "Therefore I felt compelled and offered a burnt offering" ([1 Sam. 13:12](#)). Then Samuel said to Saul: "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you." ([1 Sam. 13:13](#)).

There are many examples in the Bible about feelings. All feelings are not bad nor do they lead to sin. But, feelings must be kept in check with the word of God. Feelings alone cannot distinguish between the truth and a lie. And feelings can lead us to sin.

HAVE YOU STUDIED YOUR BIBLE TODAY?

Christians must obey God's will. After that, feelings have a proper place in our lives. But we must give primacy to God's will.

Jesus said: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Do you feel compelled? Are you compelled to do the will of God? - Allan McNabb

The Parent-Child Relationship By Gene Taylor

The family is a divine arrangement. Children are "a heritage of the Lord" (Ps. 127:3) having been given to their parents by God (Gen. 48:9).

Children do not ask to be born. Parents are responsible for bringing them into the world. It is a grave responsibility to give birth to a child. Even graver is the responsibility to train that child in the way he ought to go because every child has a soul that is destined to live somewhere for eternity.

The Responsibility of Parents

They must provide for the material needs of their children (1 Tim. 5:8). Care must be exercised in this area because children can be given too much causing their sense of values to be distorted. Children need to learn the value of work. They need to learn about the cost of things.

They must "bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). Nurture is "the whole training and education of children (which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals, and employs for this purpose now commands and admonitions, now reproof and punishment" (*Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*). The physical, mental, social, and spiritual training of the child must be according to the teaching of God. They must not provoke their children to wrath (Eph. 6:4). The parallel text in **Colossians 3:21** says children are not to be provoked "lest they be discouraged." There are a number of ways parents can produce wrath in their children.

They can make unreasonable demands of them. God requires all to do "justly" (Micah 6:8). They can correct with obvious and fierce anger. **Proverbs 15:1** says that, "Grievous words stir up anger."

They can punish excessively by inflicting a penalty that is unfit for the wrong which was done. **Proverbs 16:20** states, "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good. They must set the right example before them. They must have a home where love, respect, and understanding prevails (Eph. 5:22-23; 4:32); where the Bible is studied and prayer is offered (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Thes. 5:17); and where a high standard of morality exists (Titus 2:11-12; 2:4-5).

They must also set a proper example in their service to the Lord and His church in attendance to services (Heb. 10:25; Matt. 6:33), respect for leaders (1 Tim. 5:17), reverence for worship (Ex. 3:5; Matt. 8:20), work (Phil. 2:12), and giving of one's means (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).

They must teach them. Children must be taught the Bible (Deut. 6:7; Eph. 6:4; Titus 2:4-5); respect for parents (Rom. 1:30; Eph. 6:1-2), for older people (1 Tim. 5:1), and law officials (1 Tim. 2:1,4; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:17); to work (2 Thes. 3:10); proper use of money (Luke 16:11); about the permanency and sanctity of marriage (Heb. 13:4; Matt. 19:9); and the necessity of being faithful to the Lord by obeying His gospel (2 Thes. 1:7-9) and living a godly, faithful life (Rev. 2:19; Heb. 2:14).

The Responsibility of Children

The parent-child relationship, like all relationships, is reciprocal, i.e., it works both ways or it does not work. Children have responsibilities to their parents.

They must obey their parents (Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20). God would have children be obedient to parents "in all things" (Col. 3:20) as long as the instructions of the parents do not violate the will of God.

They are to honor father and mother (Eph. 6:2). Honor involves such principles as love, respect, and obedience. Jesus applied this command to the idea of providing for parents when they become old and cannot provide for themselves (Mark 7:9,13; cf. 1 Tim. 5:4,8,16).

Conclusion

Parents: examine yourselves to see if you measure up to the standards God has set for you. Children: look at yourselves honestly and see if you are doing the will of Christ in respecting and obeying your parents.