

*“My Position is Relative to my Possessions”*

*Decisions Pt 1*

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**"CONFRONTING MORAL ISSUES"**

- \* This was birthed a few weeks ago in one of our Sunday Prayer Meetings
- \* The Lord put this in my heart to bring before the church to pray

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**When you are blinded by the god of this age, you cannot see things as they really are, even though others around you see them clearly.**

- \* Lets pray that the Lord help us see things clearly
- \* Lets pray that our understanding come crystal clear – yes let’s pray for crystal clarity.

**When the god of this age sets a spiritual blindness forth we cannot experience the fullness of God.**

- \* Let’s pray and break the anti-Christ’s spiritual attack that is striving to keep us from experiencing the fullness of the Lord
- \* You may feel you are experiencing all that there is to life, yet you may be unaware that you are missing what God desires for you.
- \* Let’s pray and bind the strongman and ask the Lord to release the fullness of the Lord in our lives.

Paul warned that the “god of this age” is able blind us from the reality of Jesus Christ.

*Christ’s presence can make a significant difference in our life*

\* Let’s seek the presence of the Lord – *the tangible presence of the Lord*

\* Let’s break forth against the god of this age!

### Rules for Holy Living

#### Colossians 3

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, *set your hearts* on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

2 *Set your minds* on things above, not on earthly things.

3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 *Put to death*, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

6 *Because of these*, the wrath of God is coming.

7 *You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.*

8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

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Christians today are confronted with many conflicting views of morality...

\* People have different opinions concerning what is right and wrong

\* What once was generally accepted as good and true is now challenged

\* Governments are redefining the concept of Marriage, Health, Sexual Gender, rights and wrongs that we thought had a solid foundation

\* Businesses often operate with ethics that sanction lying, stealing, greed

\* It takes no rocket scientist to figure out the problems its easy to place blame

Lets take a moment and call upon the Lord, I mean really - rally together and call on the Lord to move in our midst!

Lets allow the Lord to **reposition** us!

How does one know what is right and wrong in areas of morality...?

- \* Everyone has an opinion version of right and wrong
- \* But the standard of right and wrong often differs

## WHAT MANY ACCEPT AS AUTHORITY IN MORALITY

### 1. THEIR FEELINGS...

"If it feels good, it must be right" - The Bible warns against trusting in "feelings"

#### Proverbs 14:12

"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"

#### Proverbs 28:26

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool..."

#### 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"

Many people have destroyed themselves by following their feelings

- \* **Feeling nothing more than Feelings....** [we get feelings mixed up with discernment]

#### Feelings

- \* *One of the basic physical senses of which the skin contains the chief end organs and of which the sensations of touch and temperature are characteristic. - An emotional state or reaction*
- \* *Feelings - often unreasoned opinion or belief*
- \* *Our feelings can be easily offended, hurt, damaged, uneducated, unreliable – there is a lot of flesh in our feelings!*

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2. [WHAT MANY ACCEPT AS AUTHORITY IN MORALITY] **THEIR CONSCIENCE...**

How many have heard - *"Let your conscience be your guide"*

\* But one's conscience is not always reliable

Paul had served God with a good conscience throughout his life:

Acts 23: 1 -3 [Message]

“Paul surveyed the members of the council [Sanhedrin] with a steady gaze, and then said his piece: "Friends, I've lived with a clear conscience before God all my life, up to this very moment"

*"Our conscience is like a clock, which works properly only if set properly"*

Lets ask the Lord to help us with our conscience, lets ask the Lord to set our conscience to His order.

Conscience

\* The sense or consciousness of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with an obligation to do right or be good - a faculty, power, or principle enjoining good acts

Remember:

*Our Conscience is like a clock, which works properly ONLY if set properly*

3. [WHAT MANY ACCEPT AS AUTHORITY IN MORALITY] **THEIR FRIENDS...**

*"Everyone else is doing it" – Friend Council instead of Godly Council*

But consider the words of Jesus, in describing the end of the majority

Matthew 7: 13-14

“ 13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it”