

FOR by your **WORDS** YOU WILL BE

Justified,

And **BY YOUR WORDS**

YOU WILL BE **Condemned**

- Matthew 12:37

The elements of our worship, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7

**COME WORSHIP
WITH US!**

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

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- www.defendthegospel.com
 - 1st Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
 - 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
 - Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday night of each month Following Services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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DO EMOTIONS MATTER IN WORSHIP?

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Many religions base their entire religious experience on emotions. The dangerous result of such an approach is that they allow their emotions to override the authority of Christ. As long as they feel emotional and spiritual about something, that justifies what they're doing. Well-meaning brethren refute this concept. And rightly so. But some go to the other extreme. They discount emotions altogether. This leads them to a cold mechanical religious experience that is just as wrong.

First and foremost, God wants us to be right. He does not want us to practice anything that we have no authority to practice. Regardless of how emotional or "spiritual" it makes us feel. That is clear from passages such as Colossians 3:17, 2 John 1:9, and Matthew 7:21-23.

On the other hand, God wants us to be emotionally involved when we worship Him. When we sing, we are to make melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19). The sister phrase to that is "With grace in your hearts" (Colossians 3:16). The point is God wants our emotions involved when we praise Him in song. The entire purpose of music is to stimulate emotions. Otherwise, why would He command us to teach and admonish one another with his truths put to music? Couldn't we do it without the singing? Yes, and we must. But He wants us emotionally involved. The same is true when we listen to preaching. Those in Acts two were cut to the heart by what they heard (Acts 2:37). Preaching and teaching should emotionally stimulate us to want to do better and serve the Lord more faithfully. Then there's the Lord's Supper. Its purpose is to proclaim the Lord's death (1 Corinthians 11:26). It would take a stone-cold soul to meditate on Jesus hanging on the cruel cross of Calvary without getting emotional. And what about giving? When we give, should we not also think about Christ leaving heaven to hang on the cross? (2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15).

God doesn't want cold, mechanical worship. He wants us to be involved emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually. Love God with all your heart (The seat of emotions), with all your soul (The seat of spirituality), and with all your mind (The seat of the intellect) (Matthew 22:36). Let's just be careful that we don't allow our emotions to override the authority of Christ. 🔍

“NOT GOOD”

David Eldridge

You will often hear someone say that something is “not good.” We use this phrase and idea to describe various things in several different contexts. God Himself uses this phrase. The first recorded time He did so was in Eden when He said, “It is not good that man should be alone” (Gen. 2:18). Though this was the first time God used the statement, it would certainly not be the last. As one reads through His word, they find a number of things God says are “not good.” Consider some of those things with me.

To Show Partiality: The wise man of old said, “To show partiality is not good, because for a piece of bread a man will transgress” (Prov. 28:21). Again, it is written, “These things also belong to the wise: it is not good to show partiality in judgment” (Prov. 24:23). Showing partiality is not good – it shows one to be foolish before both God and man. Further, showing partiality is not good because it is a sin. James wrote, “If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors” (Jas. 2:8-9). Many may think nothing of showing favoritism on the basis of race, economic standing, intellectual ability, or other measures; however, the Lord says it is sin! Therefore, “My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality” (Jas. 2:1). It is not good to show partiality!

To Be Without Knowledge: Solomon penned, “Also it is not good for a soul to be without knowledge, and he sins who hastens with his feet” (Prov. 19:2). This is true with knowledge in general, for “the wise man’s eyes are in his head, but the fool walks in darkness” (Eccl. 2:14). Yet, the truth that it is not good to be without knowledge is especially true when it comes to knowledge of God and His commands. God said, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hos. 4:6). Without knowledge of God and His way, no matter how sincere and devoted one may be, they cannot be right with Him. Paul wrote of the Jews who refused to obey, “For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God” (Rom. 10:2). May we ever seek to have a knowledge of God that “may abound still more and more” (Phil. 1:9). It is not good to be without knowledge!

To Walk In The Evil Way: God said, “I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts” (Isa. 65:2). David spoke of the wicked man who “devises wickedness on his bed; he sets himself in a way that is not good; he does not

abhor evil” (Ps. 36:4). Through Ezekiel God said, “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good...” (Ezek. 36:31). To walk in the evil way, according to the dictates of one’s own heart, is not good as it only results in death. “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Prov. 14:12). Let us then enter in at the straight gate and walk the narrow path laid forth by our Lord that we might find life instead of destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). It is not good to walk in the evil way!

To Glory In Wrong: Paul wrote to the Corinthians about wrong that existed among them: “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles — that a man has his father’s wife!” In reference to this wrong and their doing nothing about it, he said, “Your glorying is not good” (1 Cor. 5:1-2, 6). There are many today who glory in wrong, if not in wrong that they have committed, they glory in and glorify the sin committed by others. Instead of glorying in wrong, sin should make us sorrowful. Paul told this same group, “Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner...For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death” (2 Cor. 7:9-10). It is not good to glory in wrong!-

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford
Reading: Proverbs 18:19-24
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Tim Thompson
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
 - Serve.....Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table.....Michael Pickford

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

Thank You For Serving!

GOD’S PLAN OF SALVATION

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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