

*"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:4 KJV*



It is corrupt to let emotions guide you, instead of faith. Emotions are generally a by-product of the physical world, the flesh, which is carnal *"sold under sin."* Faith is not experience or feeling based, but Truth based. *"Faith cometh by the...Word of God."* Emotions generated by believing and obeying God's Word, lead us to Truth and God while bodily feelings lead away. What must concern us when we get emotional is; where is this leading? Am I pleasing myself or my God? Do I feel this way because of my faith or in spite of my faith? *"Great peace have they which love Thy Law and NOTHING shall offend them."* It is very difficult to keep the ugly head of fleshly emotion from dominating thought, because it is ever present with us. We must *"keep under [our] body, and bring it into subjection."* When we dwell in the *"peace of God, which passeth all understanding"* by letting *"the Word of God dwell in [us] richly"* and meditating, thinking *"therein day and night,"* the peace achieved thereby *"shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (God's Word)."* Whenever you are faced with a problem to which you have no solution and you feel a swell of emotion that threatens to control and dictate your thoughts in an ungodly manner, *"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."* Trust God with your worries and forget about it. Simple, but very hard to do if you let fleshly emotions crowd out the Word of God from your heart and mind. *"We know that ALL THINGS work together for good to THEM THAT LOVE GOD, to them who are the called according to His Purpose."* Faith trusts in that promise, recognizing that even the bad things which happen are ordained by God for our good. Faith is trusting obedience to God's Word in spite of circumstance! Faith ceases to fret and worry and rests in complete trust of the Love of God. *"Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Nay, in all these things WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that loved us."* Faith realizes even death itself is only the threshold of eternal bliss! What angers and offends is usually the reaction of our flesh, separating us from the fellowship of the Saviour, *"the Truth and the Life!"* If you relish the grip of carnal emotion, then you have no relationship with God. You are corrupted! Believe the promises of God with your mind AND emotions, not just your intellect. Trust is the difference between success and failure, between faith and lip service. When in the grip of carnal emotion, stop, confess, and repent/obey. Don't let feelings stop you. The emotions of faith are love of God, sorrow for sin, compassion for souls, and *"love of the brethren."*

O' trust the Lord with all your heart,  
Let not your soul from Him depart,  
When flesh and lust deem to preside,  
God's perfect peace will stem the tide. ~CGP

Carnal emotion doesn't trust God. Anger makes us feel powerful, but *"he that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls."* Christ was angry when He threw the moneychangers out of the Temple but it was righteous anger. *"God is angry with the wicked EVERY DAY."*

*"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of HIS OWN LUST, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren." James 1:14-16 KJV*