

APOSTACY – EMOTIONS

- I. Scriptures: (2 Corinthians 6:11,12; Romans 16:17,18)
 - *"[II Cor. 6:11] Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. [:12] You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections."* – 2 Corinthians 6:11, 12
 - *"[Rom. 16:17] Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. [:18] For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting."* – Romans 16:17, 18
- II. When the emotions of the soul take over in a person's life then that person responds to the weaknesses of the sinful nature rather than the strength of God's message.
- III. Emotions then become the ruler and the Bible is reduced to an insignificant position and neutralized.
- IV. No matter how good a thing is within itself, if it begins to counteract or render ineffective God's message, then it becomes TERRIBLE – HORRIBLE – EVIL.
- V. There is nothing wrong with emotions. No one would want to be without emotions, provided that they do not rule and reign over the life.
- VI. Emotions are God's means of appreciation in the soul.