

SPIRITUAL BALANCE



**Doctrinal
Integrity**

**Genuine
Emotional
Response**

THE NEED FOR DOCTRINAL INTEGRITY

³¹ If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8)

*³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
(1 Timothy 2)*

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23)

THE NEED FOR EMOTION

³⁷ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Matthew 22)

FACTS / EMOTION

- Emotions do not establish facts.
 - **Genesis 37:29-36**
- Facts that are truly believed produce genuine emotions.
 - **I John 4:19**
- Doctrine and emotion intertwine; one cannot really exist without the other.

THE NEED FOR BALANCE

- **Adequate fact but little or no emotion!**

- *1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. (1 Corinthians 13)*
- *“So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.” (Revelation 3:16)*

- **Adequate emotion but little or no fact!**

- *“You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.” (2 Peter 3:17)*
- *“... but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.” (Romans 2:8)*

THE NEED FOR BALANCE

- 1. Recognize the need for both facts and emotions!**
 - It is not an either/or proposition.
 - Be challenged by doctrinal debate.
 - Persist in knowing what is "right" on what really are recurring issues.
- 2. Let the gospel affect your heart!**
 - Don't substitute the approval of others for God's approval.
 - Others will judge us by our conformity to external standards; God will judge us by what we are on the inside as well as the outside.
- 3. Pray for God's truth to penetrate and make you feel what you ought to feel!**

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