

# Themes from Ephesians

“Prayer to Open Our Eyes”

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“<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which {exists} among you, and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention {of you} in my prayers; <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> {I pray that} the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. {These are} in accordance with the working of the strength of His might”

## **Revelation 2:1-3**

“<sup>1</sup> To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: the One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: <sup>2</sup> I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot endure evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them {to be} false; <sup>3</sup> and you have perseverance and have endured for My name’s sake, and have not grown weary.”

## **John 13:34-35**

“<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## **Ephesians 1:16-17**

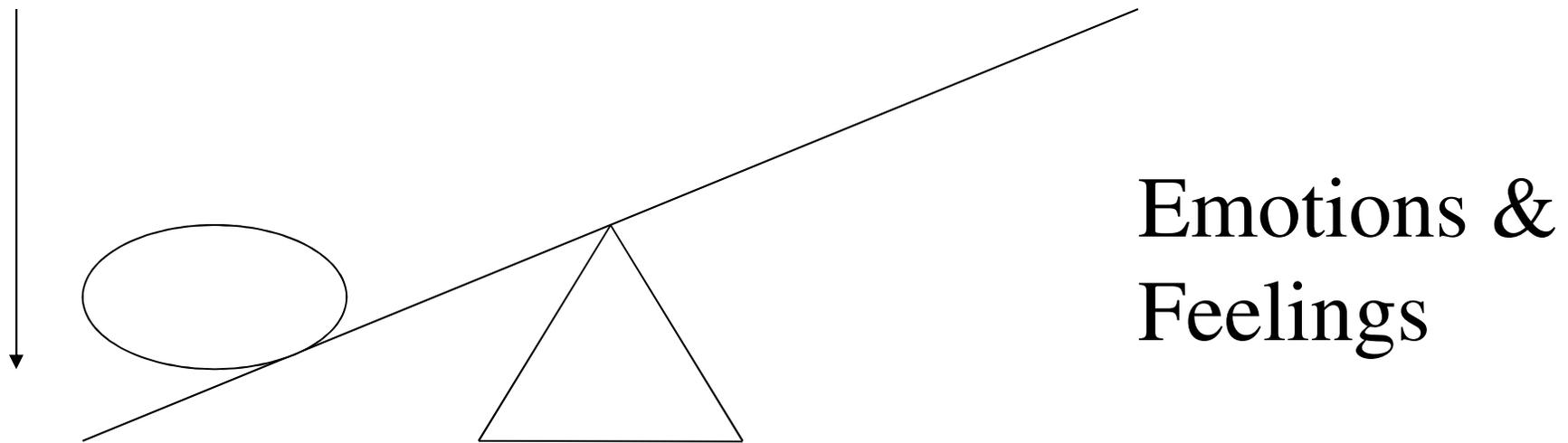
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Heart in Greek is KARDIA - the appeal is to the intellect and not the emotions. The heart is the center of thought for the Greek. Emotion for God is good when following intellectual enlightenment.

### **Romans 12:1-2**

“<sup>1</sup> I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Faith = Assent & Personal Trust



The mind will support emotion, but emotion will not sustain the mind.

God called us **to** something  
**for** something.

1. Power

2. Working

3. Strength

4. Might

The Christian church should be known for being both biblically based in doctrine, and sacrificial in love to one another.

The sovereignty of God and our prayer requests fit together in God's plan - in ways too mysterious to explain!

The power of God is manifest to save  
and deliver us from sin.