

Opinions

I Kings 18:21 – *And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word.*

My opinion is my “reality.”

- It probably came thru someone or something else.
- When presented with God’s opinion, I should be willing to change.
- A balance between skeptical and gullible.

Quotes:

- “Let me never fall into the vulgar mistake of dreaming that I am persecuted whenever I am contradicted.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- The man who never alters his opinion is like standing water, and breeds reptiles of the mind.” – William Blake
- “Don't judge a man by his opinions, but what his opinions have made of him.” – Georg Christoph Lichtenberg
- “Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love truth.” – Joseph Joubert

Moving Your Invisible Boundaries – “We have the Holy Spirit, who is always attempting to lead us into the truth anytime we are willing to hear it. Any teachable person who will humble himself, and surrender his opinion to God, can get any needed revelation anytime he or she needs and desires it. The day of salvation (healed, delivered, blessed, prospered, protected, made whole, set apart) is always today. We are never waiting on God.”

I Corinthians 8:1 – *Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.*

- “**puffs up**” – makes arrogant.
- **Boundaries:** "Unfortunately, most of our struggle with truth is the pursuit of intellectual understanding, instead of establishing our heart beliefs ... Getting the information feeds my ego, but still does not set me free. Experiencing the truth in my heart, as an expression of God’s love, sets me free."

II Timothy 3:16, 17 – *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Luke 6:40 – *A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.*

- **Vines** – has a strong conviction of God’s purpose for them.
- **Boundaries:** "The disciple has so come to terms with the death of self that he is eager to learn. He loves instruction. He values correction. Being wrong is no threat to the disciple; it presents an opportunity for growth. He knows he is loved by God even if he is wrong. He knows God will not punish him, but will correct him gently as the child He loves."

Luke 9:23 – *Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."*

- **"deny"** – disregard one’s own interests.

Matthew 11:28-30 **[AMP]** – *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. ³⁰ For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne.*

Boundaries: When the disciple hears the words of correction, the voice of God in his heart says, "This is truth." While there is always a momentary "sting" of embarrassment, the negative feelings are soon replaced by the comfort of the Holy Spirit. The defensiveness and arguments give way to peace. He seeks to know God in his heart (acknowledge Him) and God makes the way of correction even, straight, easy, prosperous, and pleasant. But the capacity to hear and feel these wonderful inner expressions of love, peace, and power are only known by those who listen to God in their heart. The disciple has no dread of being wrong!