

AFFECTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

1. The word “Affection” means: The state of having one’s feeling affected in some way; the bond or disposition of mind.
2. The Bible talks about Good and Evil affections.
3. Man must set his affections on the **right objects**.
4. Let us study AFFECTIONS:

I. **DAVID SAID, “I HAVE SET MY AFFECTIONS TO THE HOUSE OF MY GOD” (KJV) – I Chron. 29:3.**

- a. David was talking about the temple that Solomon his son was going to build.
- b. David made sacrifice of his material goods to build it – I Chron. 29:3.
- c. He knew he was only giving back to God what God had given him – I Chron. 29: 14.
- d. Christians need to set their affections to the house of God, which is the church – I Tim. 3:15.
 - i. Jesus said we are to seek it first – Matt. 6: 33.
- e. If our affection is set on the HOUSE OF GOD, THE CHURCH:
 - i. We will attend all the services – Heb. 10:25.
 - ii. We will give as we have been prospered – I Cor. 16: 1 – 2.
 - iii. We will endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit – Eph. 4:3; Psa. 133:1; I Cor. 1: 10.
 - iv. We will be busy trying to convert others to Christ – Acts 8:4.
 - v. We will strive to live good righteous lives – Tit. 2: 11 -12; Eph. 5:27.
 - vi. We will contend for the faith – Jude 3.
- f. Jesus said, “*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*” – Matt. 6: 21.

II. **WE ARE TO SET OUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH – Col. 3:2**

- a. Many people have no thought of any thing but the earthly – Phil. 3:19
 - i. “*Whose whole minds are earthbound!*”
 - ii. These people’s PORTION is simple – what they get out of this world. . . – Psa. 17:14.
- b. The things their mind cannot SATISFY – Luke 12:15.
- c. These people are filled with anxieties – Matt. 6:32.
- d. These things are uncertain – Luke 12: 16 – 21.
- e. Those who seek the things above have peace of mind – Eph. 3:15; Phil. 4:7.

III. **“BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE” – Rom. 12:10**

- a. This word, “affectioned” in the original Greek signifies the affection which animals, by instinct, bear to their young.
- b. Christians love for one another must be warm and strong like that which near kin bear to one another.
- c. Sadly, we see a lack of this many times in the church today.
- d. Brethren have NO love or feelings for one another – I John 4: 20- 21.

IV. **WE ARE TO BE AFFECTIONATELY DESIROUS OF ONE ANOTHER**

- a. Paul – I Thess. 2:8.
- b. The meaning here is: To long after; to have a strong affection for.
- c. We should have a strong affection for one another, and be dear to one another – Acts 20: 36 – 38.

V. WE ARE NOT TO HAVE INORDINATE, OR VILE, AFFECTION

- a. Col. 3:5; Rom. 1: 26
- b. *Thayer* defines the word in the Greek that we get these two words from to mean “depraved passion” – it is unnatural and degrading passion.
- c. Paul, in Rom. 1:26, shows that VILE affection refers to Homosexuality.
- d. I think we have to conclude that vile affection would be homosexuality and bestiality:
 - i. Woman with woman – Rom . 1:26
 - ii. Man with man – Rom. 1:27
 - iii. Man with beast – Lev. 20:15
 - iv. Woman with beast – Lev. 20: 16
 - v. Incest – Lev. 18: 6 – 16

VI. SOME ARE WITHOUT NATURAL AFFECTION

- a. 2 Timothy 3:3; Rom. 1: 31.
- b. No proper affection between parents and children.
- c. The Gentiles sacrificed their children to idols – Psa. 106: 34 – 38.
- d. They many times killed unwanted children.
 - i. Woman today have abortions.
- e. Children killing their parents that are old.