



Part 8
The Lie: If It Feels Right, It Can't
Be Wrong

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The Lie:

If it looks or feels right, it can't be wrong.

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. – *Genesis 3:6*

The Foundation of the Lie:

You can trust your experiences and your conscience

The Truth About Your Experiences:

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.
– *Proverbs 14:12*

The Truth About Your Conscience:

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. – *Ephesians 4:17-18*

Modern Expressions of the Ancient Lie

Adapted from "Louder than Words;" Andy Stanley, 2004

- I've always been this way
False Assumption: Because I've been this way, I must continue to be this way in the future. (*2 Corinthians 5:17*)
- Everybody else is doing it
False Assumption: If everybody else is doing it, God doesn't take it as seriously.
- As long as it doesn't hurt anyone...
False Assumption: If I can't see the harm in something, it must not be harmful
- One time won't hurt
False Assumption: There are only consequences for repetitive sin
- Nobody will know
False Assumption: Sin is only wrong when it's observed by somebody else
- But I'm in love
False Assumption: Love is more important than obedience

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The Truth:
What's "right" is always in alignment with:

The Bible

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. – *2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. – *Romans 12:2*

The Holy Spirit

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

– *John 14:26*

Godly Wisdom

The way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice.

– *Proverbs 12:15*

**Small Group
Discussion
Questions**



- 1) What are your Thanksgiving plans? How are you planning on living out gratitude during this Thanksgiving season?
- 2) How do you most often make decisions? (Facts, feelings, experience, wisdom from other people, instincts)
- 3) Where do you think a person's conscience comes from? How do we keep our conscience in line with the Holy Spirit?
- 4) Each of the modern expressions of this week's lie was based on an assumption. Can you think of a specific instance in your life or someone you know when one of those assumptions was clearly proven wrong? How did you know?
- 5) What criteria do you use to decide if you are receiving godly wisdom?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?