

## FEELINGS VERSUS CHOICES

God doesn't go by your feelings; He goes by your choices. It is not your emotions but your decisions that God sees, and upon which He acts in your life.

You may feel bad when you awaken in the morning, but if it is your will that the Will of God be done in your life that day, God will so order it. You may be overcome with your own inadequacy in a certain situation, but choose to submit the direction of your affairs to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and you will find He is adequate for any contingency.

You may lack wisdom for some particular task or responsibility and be desperately fearful because of this lack, but you may decide to turn to God for wisdom and you will discover His wisdom is available. Your strength may be as a babe; you may feel as limp as a wet dishrag; but decide to let Jesus Christ be your strength and you will be infused with strength that is obviously not your own, but His.

It isn't your feelings that deprive you of God's overrule in your life; it is your will! Or perhaps it is more accurate to say it is your "won't".

God has created man in His own image, a free moral agent with the freedom of choice (and the responsibility incumbent in that freedom), and God will not violate man's freedom – or if you like, man's personal sovereignty. God never overrules a man's volition; He never forces, never coerces. He waits patiently for man's consent. But once He has that, there is no limit what God will do for and in and through the man. The resources are God's. Better still, God is the resources. That means unlimited strength, unlimited wisdom, unlimited whatever you need when you decide to let God into your circumstances.

The help of the Lord never makes a parasite of a man. In fact, a man is only really a man when he enjoys God's help. He was made to be dependent upon God, and he is fully man when he is.

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. II Cor.12:9.

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## THE NEW YEAR

Dear Master, for this coming year,  
Just one request I bring.  
I do not pray for happiness  
Or any earthly thing;  
I do not ask to understand  
The way you lead me;  
But this I ask – Teach me do to  
The thing that pleases Thee.  
I want to know Thy guiding Voice,  
To walk with Thee each day.  
Dear Master, make me swift to hear  
And ready to obey;  
And thus the year I now begin  
A happy year will be,  
If I am seeking just to do  
The thing that pleases Thee.