

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church Sunday School

Evangelism Week 5 – To the Whole Person: the Affections and the Will

Wholistic evangelism: *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient [will] from the heart [affections] to the standard of teaching [mind] to which you were committed...*
Romans 6:17

I. The Whole Gospel to the Affections

a. Affections – the deep inclinations and disinclinations of the soul

b. The fallenness of the affections

WCF 6.4. *From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.*

c. The work of the Holy Spirit in regeneration

WCF 10.1 *...enlightening their minds...renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.*

Mat 13:44 *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

Jonathan Edwards: *Though true grace has various degrees, and there are some that are but babes in Christ, in whom the exercise of the inclination and will, towards divine and heavenly things, is comparatively weak; yet everyone that has the power of godliness in his heart, has his inclinations and heart exercised towards God and divine things, with such strength and vigor that these holy exercises do prevail in him above all carnal or natural affections, and are effectual to overcome them: for every true disciple of Christ "loves Him above father or mother, wife and children, brethren and sisters, houses and lands: yea, than his own life."*

d. Take into account the affections in evangelism: Two dangers

1. Emotional Manipulation:

2. Stoic Unconcern:

e. Examine your own heart that the spiritual reality of your life is fitted for the message:

II. **The Whole Gospel to the Will**

a. The will and the affections should not be thought of entirely separately

WCF 10.1 (On effectual calling) ...enlightening their minds...renewing their wills, and, by his almighty power, determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by his grace.

b. Two dangers

i. Attempts to trigger the will of a person by appeal to his or her human desires.

ii. Neglect of appealing to the will

c. God moving sinners through persuasion

Romans 6:17 *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient [will] from the heart [/affection] to the standard of teaching [mind] to which you were committed...*

Persuasions

How is the whole person addressed in the encounter with Randy: mind, will, affections?