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INT: LESSON: Prompted partially by written request:
 "Why don't we have more enthusiasm in our
 worship services? folks get real excited at
 football games---why not at church?"

RESPONSE: Positive. Reasons why!!

1. From a young man--full of vinegar, zeal,
idealism and enthusiasm. Like that! Good.
2. He feels with intensity, as youth does!
Believe Christians should feel intensely.
3. Agree there should be enthusiasm-in place
4. Believe he agrees with me: Ecc. 3:1. *
 - a. Time and place for shouting, hand-
clapping, & demonstrations!!! *It's all yours*
 - b. Time for quiet/ calm / spiritually
reverent /. Ps. 46:10. *Church worship.*

BOTH

AGREE: On spr. propriety; A cheering-section
in a worship service is as appropriate as
a sermon would be at a football game. Purpose

CAUTION: Lesson not intended to minimize feeling
in religion. Put it in its prop. place

I. TWO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS: FEELING & RELIGION.

- A. Feeling: Sensation. Emotional reaction.
State of emotion. Sense of consciousness,
recognition, perception & comprehension.
- B. Religion: Latin. RILIGO=to bind to God.
Webster: "Service and/or adoration to God.
Worship to God. Jas. 1:27. Life[†]aid to needy

II. QUESTIONS:

- A. Should OUR rel. lives contain feeling-emotion?
- B. Did emotions play any part in the lives of
Jesus, the Apostles and early Christians?
- C. ANSWERS: Yes, to both. *More "A MENS" than WE have".*
- D. QUESTION: Then WHY have recent Christians
been so hesitant to show emotions in rel.?
- E. ANSWER: Excessive emotionalism in denominati
Pentecostalism: Shouting, tongue speaking,
clapping, moaning, rolling on floor etc. etc
RESULT: Christians have reacted in extrem,
lest be accused of emotionalism & denom.....
CONSEQUENCE: Idea: anything the sects do is
wrong and we must not do it. *Poor standard.*
They use Bible? Bel. in mind
- SUGGESTION: Let's do as the early Christians
did regardless of what modern
sectarians do. Do right regardless

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III. DOES N. T. CONTAIN TERMS OF EMOTION? FEELING?

- A. Ans. YES. Joy, rejoice, gladness, exceeding joy, good cheer, joy unspeakable, full of joy, delight, etc. etc.
- B. Sample scriptures:
 - * Luke 2:8-14. Phil. 4:4-7. *M. 5:1-12.

IV. THREE AREAS OF EMOTIONAL REACTION IN N. T. DA YS

A. JOY IN CONVERSION.

- 1. Acts 2:41* "Gladly"-with delight!! 2:38-40. Ill. Rome, N. Y. girl. Baptized: "WOW"!! Wrong? Her way! No background.
- 2. Same JOY, THRILL if YOU obey ~~the~~ gospel!!!

B. JOY IN WORSHIP. *Col. 3:16. (Acts 2:42)

- 1. *Col. 3:14-17. Sing with GRACE!!
- 2. GRACE=with pleasure & delight; joy and happiness. (Gr. Follows humbleness and a turning away from the evils of the world.)

C. JOY IN FELLOWSHIP. Acts 2:44-47 *

- 1. V. 44. "Together". Cohesive-United.
 - 2. V. 45. "All men"- "every man". Concern!!
 - 3. V. 46. "one accord" Closeness of heart
 - 4. V. 46-47 "Gladness", "praise". Feeling!!
- RESULTS: Church grew and prospered!!!

INV: You have any FEELING about the Lord? Love Him??
 You have any FEELING about the Lord's Church??
 You have any FEELING about the Lord's WILL for U

Age you!

If you say YES, then appreciate this WORD!!!

"Let us not wait to Give God our AGE, rather let us give Him our YOUTH!

Let us not wait to give God our POVERTY in later years, but our WEALTH today. LATER

Let us not wait to give God our body of ILLNESS but rather our bodies of HEALTH.

Let us not wait to give God our years of weakness, rather let us give Him our greatest STRENGTH today!!!

Jesus said: "If you love me, keep my commandments!"
He invites you to come - begin keeping His Commandments today!