

Title: Jesus didn't say that!

Text: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)

Target: How to know what sounds true versus what is true?

I. Follow your Heart: "Do whatever feels right to you!"

- A. Condition of Your Heart:** *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?"* (Jeremiah 17:9)
- B. Guard Your Heart:** *"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life."* (Prov. 4:23)
- C. Trust God with your Heart:** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."* (Prov. 3:5-6)

II. God Just Wants you to be Happy: "This is the Highest goal!"

- A. God's will for you is Sanctification:** *"For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor."* (1 Thess. 4:3-4)
- B. God's Expectation for you is Holiness:** *"But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'you shall be holy, for I am holy.'"* (1 Peter 1:15-16)
- C. God Allows Adversity to teach us Joy:** *"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."* (James 1:2-3)

III. Do Not Judge: "You have no right to tell anyone they're wrong!"

- A. Condemns "Hypocritical" Judgement:** *"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."* (Matt. 7:1-2)
- B. Commanded to Judge:** *"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."* (John 7:24)
 - 1. Call to Compare:** *"The spiritual person judges all things,"* (1 Cor. 2:15) *"Test Everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil."* (1 Thess. 5:21-22)
 - 2. Call to Correct:** *"Better is open rebuke than hidden love."* (Prov. 27:5)
 - 3. Call to Compassion:** *"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness."* (Gal 6:1)

IV. God will Never Give you more than you can Handle: "God knows your Limits!"

- A. Context of the Verse:** *"No temptation has overtaken you that is common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape,"* (1 Cor. 10:13) *Paul was addressing Temptation, not Trial. *This verse is about resisting sin, not enduring suffering.
 - 1. Purpose under Pressure:** *"We were burdened beyond our strength...to make us rely not on ourselves but on God."* (2 Cor. 1:8-9)
 - 2. Promise of His Presence:** *"Fear not, For I am with you; be not dismayed, For I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10)
 - 3. Power in Grace:** *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Cor. 12:9)

Takeaway: Don't build your life on popular opinions that sound good, build your life on a God who is good.