

The Balancing Act
Part II; June 25, 2017

**“Putting Some Color
In Our Black And White World!”**

“Black and White” isn’t always as clear as it seems.

How can we find truth to build our lives on?

**Measure your life by God’s Word,
not someone’s opinion!**

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to **teach us what is true** and to **make us realize what is wrong in our lives**. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

– 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

**Remember that not everything that’s
“permissible” is necessarily wise!**

“I have the right to do anything,” you say—**but not everything is beneficial**. “I have the right to do anything”—**but I will not be mastered by anything**.
– 1 Corinthians 6:12 (NIV)

**The wrong question is “Is this WRONG?”
The right question is “Is this BEST?”**

**Look for the “spirit” of the law
and not just the “letter” of the law.**

But I say, do not make any vows! Do not say, ‘By heaven!’ because heaven is God’s throne. And do not say, ‘By the earth!’ because the earth is his footstool. And do not say, ‘By Jerusalem!’ for Jerusalem is the city of the great King. Do not even say, ‘By my head!’ for you can’t turn one hair white or black. **Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.**

– Matthew 5:34-37 (NLT)

Read God’s Word...but also seek God’s Heart!

**It’s great to be clear on where YOU stand,
but let God be the judge of everyone else!**

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.” For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

– Matthew 7:1-2 (NIV)

Before you pass judgment on others, remember:

**You haven’t walked in their shoes.
You have no idea what’s in their hearts.
You have sinned too.**

**We tend to judge others by their BEHAVIOR.
We tend to judge ourselves by our INTENTIONS!**