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Principle vs. Impulse

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward" (Hebrews 11:24-26).

IN ORDER TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, OUR CONSCIENCE AND OUR WILL SOMETIMES HAVE TO OVERRULE THE DESIRES OF THE MOMENT. According to the text above, Moses had such an experience in deciding to forgo his future as an Egyptian prince. In order to serve a higher good, he let go of the pleasures that were immediately available to him and accepted a difficult task that cost him the rest of his life. Impulse would have said "Stay in Egypt," but principle said "Go." Moses chose to be a man of principle.

No matter how much we grow spiritually, we're still going to have some "hard moments." The fewer the better, obviously, and the person who commits to a disciplined life will find obedience easier than the one who makes no such commitment. Indeed, when we've trained and exercised ourselves in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7,8), we'll find that God's commandments are "not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). But there are still going to be times when the right thing and the easy thing are not the same thing. And godliness will choose the right thing, whether difficult or not. Continued on the next page.....

