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Many have fooled themselves by sincerely believing that they live by values and truths they hold in their heads! However, when tested, they discover the truth to be rather shocking. God's people are not excluded from this error. Often they are more susceptible to this than unbelievers. Exposure to the great, wonderful truths and principles of the Bible can easily lead to holding wonderful things in our heads and doing little about them in real life.

The reality is that it is not the way a man or woman thinks in their heads that really makes the difference, but it is the way we "think in our hearts" that determines how we behave (Prov 23:7 KJV, NASB). It is one thing to mentally accept a truth or principle as being good, but quite another to make it a heart value that determines what we do and say.

Heart held values are the railway lines on which our local churches run.

Many local churches throughout history have "died" while "Believing", preaching and reciting the great Bible truths as well as writing them into creeds and statements of faith. After all is said and done, it is the Bible truth converted into heart-value, resulting in Bible behaviour and living, that releases the Life and Glory of God among his people. It is the Living Word of God that produces life by the power of His Holy Spirit. It is the patterns and principles of God's Word that bring into order and establish a church model that can fit into the historical purpose of God; a church model that is in step with Him, and which He can involve in His global exploits; a church model that is apostolic in its foundations and world view; prophetic in its grasp of the direction God is taking human affairs, and covenantal in its relationships with God and with His human household.