

# Wise Decisions

# **Wise Decisions and Their Enemies**

**Jesus introduced wise  
thinking and judging to  
us Sunday in John 7:24.**

**Judge not according to the appearance,  
but judge righteous judgment.**

**John 7:24**

**Other examples, rules,  
and warnings in the  
Bible teach us to  
choose wisely.**

**And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.**

**I Chronicles 12:32**

**Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing?  
a man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.**

**Ecclesiastes 8:1**

**15 See then that ye walk circumspectly,  
not as fools, but as wise,**

**16 Redeeming the time, because the  
days are evil.**

**17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but  
understanding what the will of the Lord  
is.**

**Ephesians 5:15-17**



**Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.**

**Colossians 4:12**

**28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

**29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.**

**Colossians 1:28-29**

**And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

**Jeremiah 3:15**

1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.

2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.

3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with ignominy reproach.

Proverbs 18:1-3

**And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.**

**I Samuel 18:5 (and 18:14,30)**

**7 Wisdom is the principal thing;  
therefore get wisdom: and with all thy  
getting get understanding.**

**8 Exalt her, and she shall promote  
thee: she shall bring thee to honour,  
when thou dost embrace her.**

**9 She shall give to thine head an  
ornament of grace: a crown of glory  
shall she deliver to thee.**

Proverbs 4:7-9

**Better is a poor and a wise child than  
an old and foolish king, who will no  
more be admonished.**


**Ecclesiastes 4:13**

**15 Good understanding giveth favour:  
but the way of transgressors is hard.**

**16 Every prudent man dealeth with  
knowledge: but a fool layeth open his  
folly.**

**Proverbs 13:15-16**





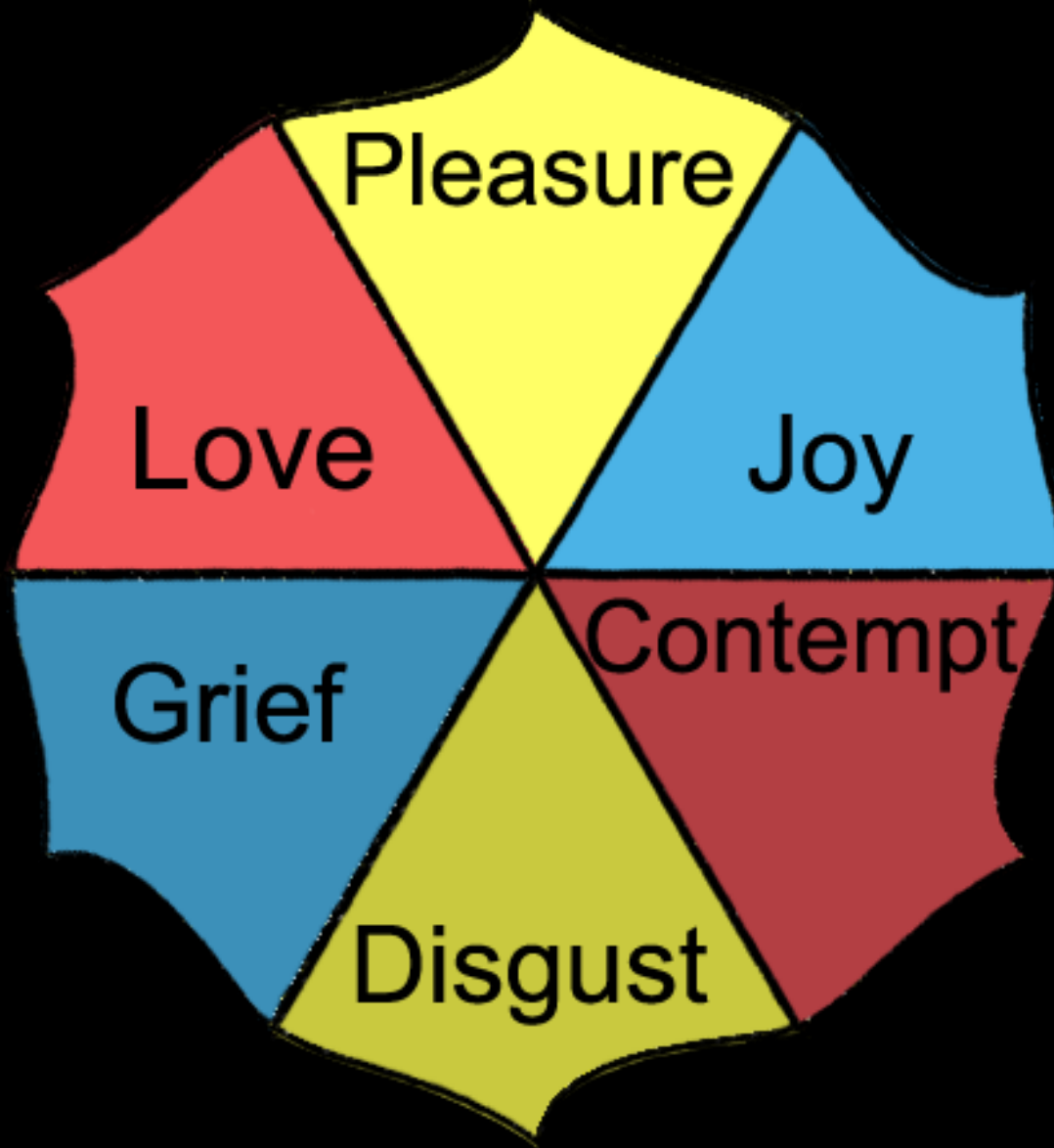
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# FEELINGS



**YOU**



**The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately wicked: who can know  
it?**

**Jeremiah 17:9**



**He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.**

**Proverbs 28:26**

**There is a way which seemeth right  
unto a man, but the end thereof are the  
ways of death.**

**Proverbs 14:12 (16:25)**

**YOU**





**UNKNOWN  
CONDITIONS  
AHEAD**

*Circumstances*

do not make

a man,

they reveal him

*Choice,* NOT  
CIRCUMSTANCES,  
DETERMINES YOUR  
*success.*

**Life is 10% what happens  
and  
90% how you respond.**

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THE WAY YOU  
LOOK AT THINGS  
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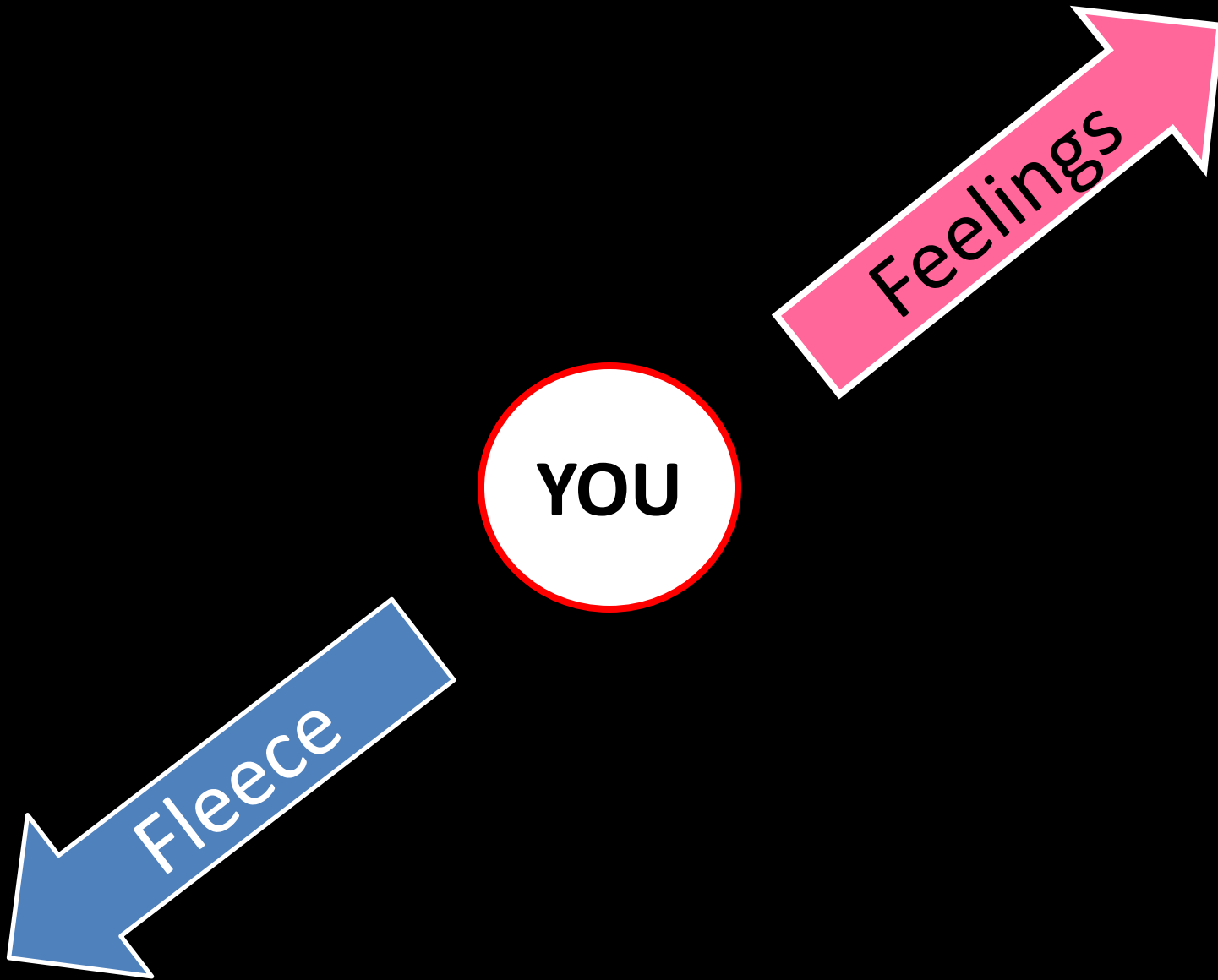
CHARACTER,  
NOT  
CIRCUMSTANCE,  
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"And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water."

Judges .VI. 38 .

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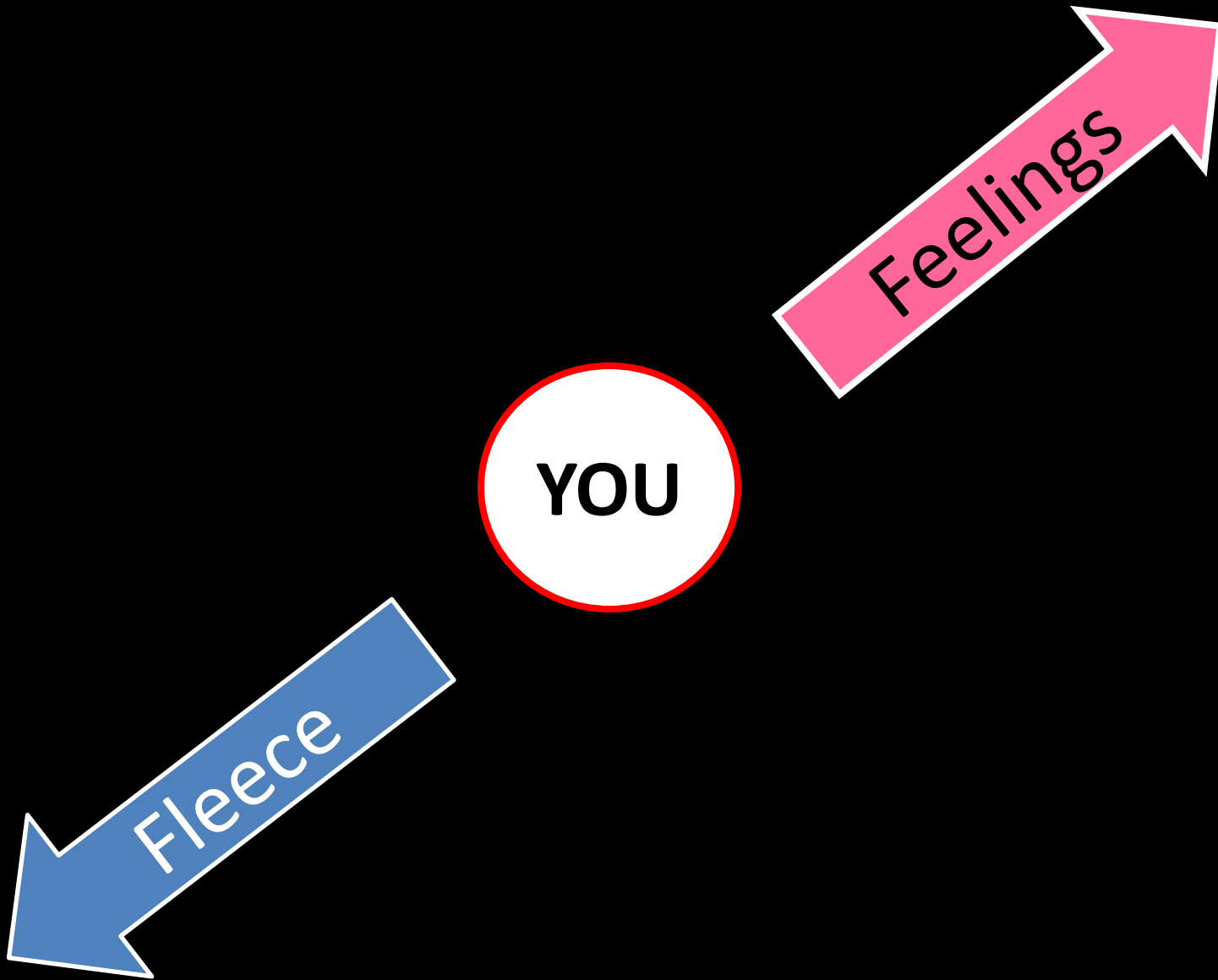


**For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.**

**Proverbs 1:32**

**He that observeth the wind shall not  
sow; and he that regardeth the clouds  
shall not reap.**

**Ecclesiastes 11:4**













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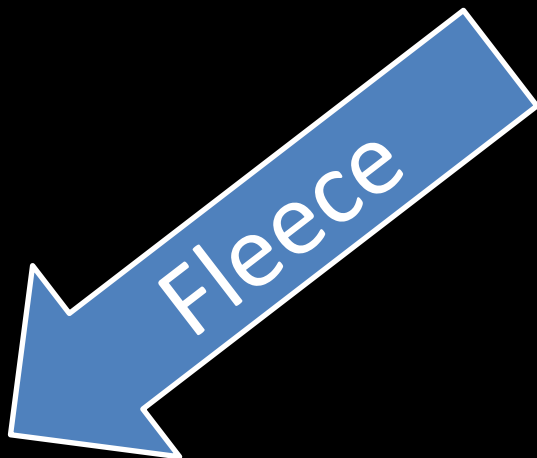
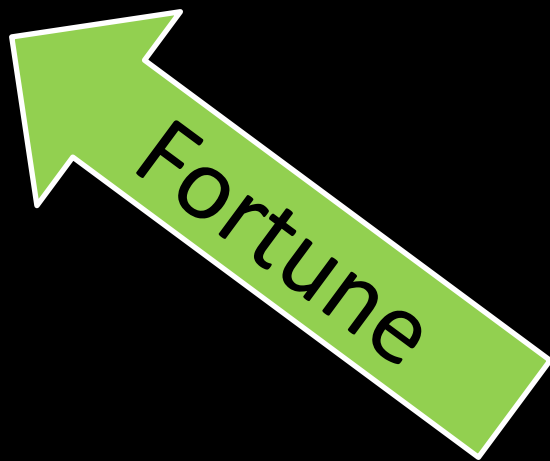
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**6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.**

**7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.**

**8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**

**I Timothy 6:6-8**

**9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.**

**10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**

I Timothy 6:9-10

**18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:**

**19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)**

**Philippians 3:18-19**



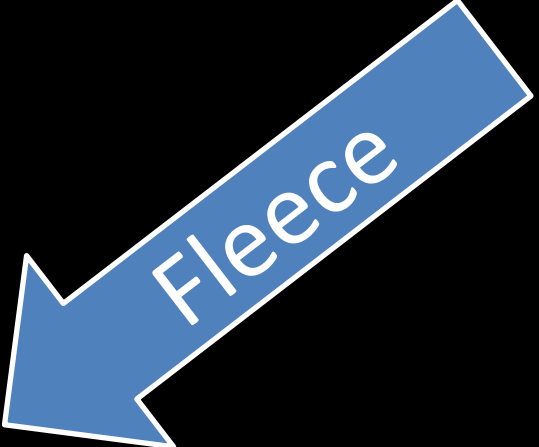
Fortune



Feelings



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CALM  
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JUST A  
FAD**

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**2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:**

**3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause.**

Exodus 23:2-3



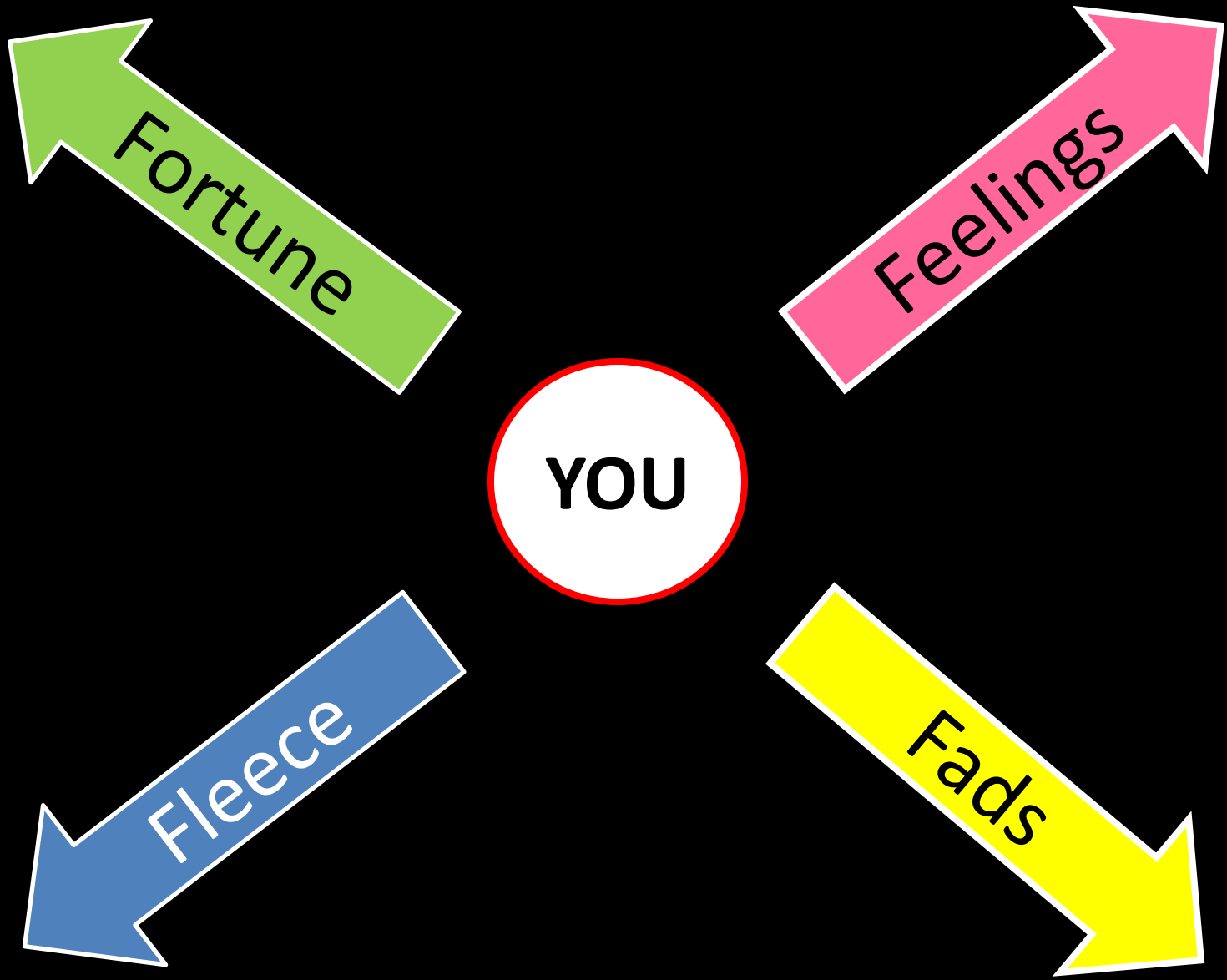
**And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

**Luke 16:15**



**The fear of man bringeth a snare: but  
whoso putteth his trust in the LORD  
shall be safe.**

**Proverbs 29:25**



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**You have  
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# FEELINGS Corrupt Decisions

Love

Lust

Anger

Moods

Appetites

Energy

Family

# FLEECE Corrupts Decisions

Circumstances

Coincidences

Results

Horoscope

Weather

Signs

Timing

# FORTUNE Corrupts Decisions

Money

House

Promotion

Car

Grades

Job

Ambition

# FADS Corrupt Decisions

Popularity

Majority


Social media

Friends

Peers

World

Acceptance



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**The only way to please  
God and prosper is by**

**FAITH**

**(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)**

**II Corinthians 5:7**

**But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

**Hebrews 11:6**

# FAITH Always Wins

Fears God

Loves God

Trusts God

Exalts Bible

Sees Invisible

Sees Reward

Wins Race

***God is better than your feelings or heart.***

***God is better than a fortune of any kind.***

***God is better than any fad by mere men.***

***God is better than any fleece or coincidences.***

# FAITH Makes Champions

Abraham

Joseph

Moses

Rahab

David

Daniel

Esther

# Many Decisions in Life

Marriage

Job

Church

Friends

Speech

Bible

Music

Rulers

Holidays

Serving

Child training

Attendance

Productivity

Saving

Eating

Television

Clothes

Sex

Prayer



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