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UNDESTANDING THE HEART

One of the most mysterious things in all the world ...is a persons heart... The Bible says.. that it is one of the hardest things to understand..

In fact.. the Bible says... that we can't even know our own hearts..

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Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, [I] try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, [and] according to the fruit of his doings.

Psalms 19:12 Who can understand [his] errors? cleanse thou me from secret [faults].

Psalms 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

Proverbs 20:5 Counsel in the heart of man [is like] deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Here the Bible says that a much of the time we can't even understand our own hearts... Who can understand the errors of his ways?

THIS MONRNING WE ARE GOING TO BE STUDYING THE HEART... The goal of this message is for us to UNDERSTAND THE HEART..

UNDERSTANDING THE HEART

Introduction:

I. What is the Biblical definition of the term HEART?

leb, labe; a form of 3824; the heart; also used (fig.) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the center of anything: -+ care for, comfortable, consent, X considered, courag [-eous], friend [-ly], ([broken-], [hard-], [merry-] [stiff-], (stout-), double) heart ([-ed]), X heed, X I, kindly, midst, mind (-ed), X regard ([-ed]), X themselves, X unawares, understanding, X well, willingly, wisdom.

kardia, kar-dee'-ah; prol. from a prim. kar (Lat. cor, "heart"); the heart, i.e. (fig.) the thoughts or feelings (mind); also (by anal.) the middle: -(+ broken-) heart (-ed).

The word heart means the inner most part of our being that motivates all our thoughts, deeds and actions.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE MEAN WHEN IT SPEAKS CONCERNING A MAN'S HEART:

Talking about:

Passions

Desires

Wants

Motivation

Will

Feelings

Cares

Consent

Center of a persons being

Life

The heart of something is the center of it.. and what is at the center of our life is our heart. It is the control center. It what makes you tick..

Note our verse:

Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, [I] try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, [and] according to the fruit of his doings.

God calls our hearts our reins.. a rein is what steers your life. Just like the reins on a horse steer the horse... God someday will expose our hearts and try our hearts.

Our hearts will determine what reward or what condemnation we will receive someday from God.

Our hearts are the steering wheel of our life. Based on what is in our hearts and the motives of our hearts... God will judge us and will give us what we deserve based on the works of our doings which proceed from the heart.

The Bible warns us that the most valuable thing that we possess is our hearts. We put our valuables in a safe to protect them.. the Bible says we need to guard or keep our hearts with more diligence because out of it proceeds all the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

II. WHERE DO THE DESIRES OF THE HEART COME FROM?

There are only two sources of your desires and what motivates your heart and the things that you do. There are Negative influences.. and there are positive influences..

Where do our desires come from?

1. THERE ARE NEGATIVE INFLUENCES:

What makes one person desire spiritual things and another earthly?

There are three things that will influence your heart in a negative way..

These will destroy and contaminate your heart. THESE ARE AS FOLLOWS..

All of the negative influences are of the devil... but the devil uses his wicked devices. Those devices have not changed all these years.

Our great enemies, are the world, the flesh and the devil..
His great temptations to allure us are the

LUST OF THE FLESH..
LUST OF THE EYES
AND THE PRIDE OF LIFE..

All these lusts are the appeal of the world. This world system today is Satanic in nature. Satan is actually called the god of this world ..

II Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

A. THE WORLD WILL TRY TO INFLUENCE YOUR HEART..

That is the world system.. which at it's core is Satanic..

There is a world system.. which is controlled by the prince of this world which is Satan.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

I used to say to my Kids, if it is in style it is wrong. The world would not accept anything that is good.

Satan is in the education business.. He blinds minds..

Satan is in the entertainment business. Perversion in the industry is what sells..

Satan is in Politics.. He is the god of this world.. he offered Jesus all the Kingdoms of this world if he would worship him.. Was it a legitimate offer?

Satan is in the religion business.. See II Cor. 11:14 Satan transforms himself into a angel of light.

I John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

I John 2:16 For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Today the fastest growing churches are the churches that inculcate elements of the world into their churches. Many times you can't tell the difference between a nightclub and a church.

Satan loves to infiltrate Bible colleges, and denominations, and even churches.

B. THE FLESH CAN INFLUENCE YOUR HEART

Sometimes the corruptions of our hearts do not need any outside influence. The corruption can come from within.

The most base corruption of the heart comes from the motivation of our own corrupt nature called the flesh.

The Bible commands us to subjugate the flesh to the spirit..
Whatever is of the flesh is sin..

When a person is led of the flesh they will live a base life.
They will live to eat & drink..
They will live to sensual pleasure..

Just reading through the works of the flesh in Galatians Ch. 5 you will realize a person who walks in the flesh is living a life that is a disaster.

Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these];
Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Galatians 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife,
seditions, heresies,

Galatians 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

A person who has a heart given over the fleshly lusts is a person who will reap destruction and death.

These are people whose lives are in bondage to drugs, drunkenness, sexual promiscuity, along with all this will come an early death.

C. SATAN CAN FILL OUR HEARTS AND GIVE US DESIRES

Satan somehow can actually work in our hearts and minds.
He is a master manipulator of our hearts and desires.

Peter told Ananias that Satan filled his heart and motivated him to lie to God..

Acts 5:3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back [part] of the price of the land?

Satan through his subtlety got Eve to sin ..
This is how sin entered the world...

SATAN TEMPTED EVE.... By getting her to want to dis-obey God....

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Satan never told Eve to eat the Forbidden fruit..
Instead he instilled in her a desire to eat it...

It is more and more subtle to instill in a person a desire to do something.. and make them think it is their idea.. than to talk them into it. Satan tempted Eve to want to eat the forbidden fruit. He is able to make people think it is their own idea.

We often work to get people to change their behaviour...
God wants us to change their desires. Sin starts in our hearts and desires.

THIS WAS THE WHOLE POINT OF THE BE-ATTITUDES....
Jesus Taught That Sin Starts With Our Heart...

Matthew 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his **heart**.

Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Matthew 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca,

shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Why is this? The reason is that murder starts in the **heart!**
Adultery starts in the heart.

These are all the negative and evil motivators and influencers of a persons heart.. THE WORLD.. THE FLESH .. THE DEVIL..

But there are a good influencers of the heart that we should consider..

**2. THERE ARE POSITIVE AND GOOD INFLUENCES
GOD CAN GIVE US A GOOD DESIRE AND DOES WORK IN A
MAN'S HEART
These are the positive influencers of the heart...**

What are the good influencers of the heart?

A. THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IS A POSITIVE INFLUENCER OF OUR HEARTS

I Samuel 10:9 And it was [so], that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
Jeremiah 31:33 But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

This is the greatest way a heart is influenced and changed for good..

It is through the New Covenant.

The Spirit of God is sent into the world to convict and convince men of Sin Righteousness and Judgment..

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Jesus said, he would send the Holy Spirit into this world to reprove the world.

He will convict us, make us uncomfortable with sin...

However we can harden our hearts to the Holy Spirit.. The Spirit is sent to guide us, convict us of sin..

Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,
Hebrews 3:8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of
temptation in the wilderness:

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit will work in our hearts.. to convict us of sin. When in our spirit we are grieved because of sin, and wrong that we see.. this is good. The Spirit of God is there to speak to our hearts. The Spirit makes us uncomfortable about sin. The Spirit grieves us when we sin or even come around sin. We get uncomfortable. This is good. Our spirits should be vexed by the sin around us. This is the Holy Spirit of God.

Some people tune this out.. and grieve the Holy Spirit and don't obey the spirit.

WHEN YOU DO THIS YOU HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.. DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEART!

B. ANOTHER WAY THAT GOD INFLUENCES YOUR HEART FOR GOOD IS THROUGH HIS WORD, GOOD SEED:

a. This happens through personal devotions..

The Bible promises a special blessing in your life as you meditate in the word of God day and night. The Psalmist calls this delighting yourself in the Lord.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 1:1 Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

b. This also happens through attending church.. being under the word.

This is why we come to church. You come to church to expose your heart to the preaching of the Word of God. You come so your heart can be influenced by the Spirit of God and the Word of God.

We come here... so that we can let God work in our hearts.... and change your hearts...

Every Sunday .. and Wednesday.. The goal of God for you is to have the Word of God sown in your heart.. This is how your heart is changed.

The flesh will try to keep your from Church. Too Lazy..

The devil will try and keep you from Church. He brings negative circumstances

The world will try and keep you from Church. The world always has activities

There are a lot of people that abandon the assembling of themselves together because they think that have heard it all before. To them there is nothing left to learn.

If you are going to keep your heart with all diligence you need to make your church attendance a priority in your life.

The Bible says this Jesus made assembling in the synagogue a priority in his life. It says it was his custom ..

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Why did Jesus need to attend the synagogue regularly! He knew everything there was nothing new to learn for Him. He did it because to be a perfect example to us.

III. HOW CAN WE KNOW OR SEE WHAT IS IN A MAN'S HEART?

The Bible says that you can clearly see what is in a persons heart by the things he treasures or does not treasure...

Matthew 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

Matthew 6:20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT A MAN TREASURES AND HIS HEART?

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

What a man treasures can be determined by what he values, and desires...

A MAN'S TREASURES ARE A REFLECTION OF HIS HEART

You heard it say, one man's junk is another man's treasure

Again that is because of perceived value and their heart

How can you see a man's heart? It is hidden..... it can't be seen...

Note: Our heart determines what we fill up our treasure chest with..

WHAT IS THE TREASURE CHEST?

TREASURE CHEST = What you fill up your life with,
The things you have

The things you value
The activities you are involved in

Note: Given the opportunity a person's heart will determine what is in that treasure chest.... Because of a wicked heart.... most men are restrained from filling up that treasure chest with what is in their heart...

TWO KINDS OF TREASURES

TWO KINDS OF HEARTS TWO KINDS OF TREASURE

GOOD TREASURE

Spiritual Heart
Spiritual Treasure
Good Heart
Good Treasure

EVIL TREASURE

Fleshly Heart
Fleshly Treasure
Bad Heart
Evil Treasure

Matthew 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

Luke 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Luke 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

What we have in our heart determines what we fill our treasure chest up with

Note: Our heart.. and desire for this something...is what makes it a treasure...

ONE MAN'S TREASURE IS ANOTHER MAN'S TRASH
ONE MAN'S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN'S TREASURE

Just before the flood, God gave this assessment of the heart of men in this world..

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man [was] great in the earth, and [that] every imagination of the thoughts of his heart [was] only evil continually.

Men's hearts were only evil continually.

The Bible predicts that as it were in the Days of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man. I think what that means is that men's hearts will be filled with evil

continually. More than ever if we are going to serve God we need to guard our hearts and be careful.

So we need understanding about our own hearts... we need to guard our hearts and understand what will influence our hearts.. we need to also understand as we enter the last days. The evil influences that would corrupt our hearts are growing stronger and stronger. The Bible predicts that as it were in the days of Noah when the imaginations of men's hearts were evil continually, so that is going to be the case in the day that we live. Men's hearts are going to be given to evil continually.

The world in confusion about Morality, Family, Life, their hearts are filled with evil continually.

So if you agree with this, now is a time to spend more time in the word of God...

Now is the time to spend more time attending church services..

Now is the time to heeding the conviction of the Holy Spirit MORE..

Yet in these end times we see less of this...

CONSIDER THESE LESSONS ON UNDESTANDING THE HEART..

- I. SO WE DISCOVER WHAT OUR HEART IS... IT IS OUR DESIRES IN LIFE
Inner most motivator for all things.
- II. SO WE DISCOVERED THOSE DESIRES CAN BE MOTIVATED BY GOOD OR
BAD
- III. OUR HEARTS ARE REVELAED BY WHAT WE VALUE..

CONCLUSIONS ABOUT THE HEART

Conclusion:

The blessings of God come in our life... when we allow him to fill our hearts.... and minds...

The cursing comes as we allow Satan to fill our hearts and minds...

UNDERSTANDING THE HEART 6-4-23 P.M. SERVICE

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UNDERSTANDING THE HEART

Intro: This morning in we gave a Biblical definition of the word heart....

1. When we speak of the heart we are talking about a person's desires, wants, That which comes from his inner most being....

2. Where do we get these desires.... how does this happen

God fills our heart with good things..

Satan fills up our hearts evil things...

3. We talked about how a man's heart can be seen..... It is seen and made evident by what he/she fills up their life with THIS IS CALLED A MAN'S TREASURE.. WHAT HE FILLS HIS LIFE UP AND DOES..

GETTING A SPIRITUAL HEART EXAM

I. No man's heart can be completely seen by other men....

UNDERSTANDING THE MYSTERIES OF A PERSONS HEART: IT CAN NEVER BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY ANYONE ELSE BUT BY GOD HIMSELF

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:10 I **the LORD search the heart, [I] try the reins,** even to give every man according to his ways, [and] according to the fruit of his doings.

Psalms 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

1. The most deceitful thing in all the world is a man's heart..

Evident by the fact many people have said....
I will never do such and such ... etc...

Fellow came to me one time.. and said.... Preacher I want you to knowI love..you I would even die for you.. You can depend on me...

A few years latter we were facing some trials in our church..

This was a fellow who relocated to come here and help out in the church

I went to visit this fellow..... he was moving.. didn't even let me know.. When I asked what the problem was... he said.. I don't know how you can take it... I'm leaving.... had a job offer... sneaking out of town.... WAS HE TELLING ME THE TRUTH THAT HE LOVED ME AND THE LORD'S WORK SO MUCH HE WOULD BE WILLING TO GIVE HIS LIFE FOR GOD AND EVEN ME AS HIS PREACHER?

Let me suggest to you.... this man did not really know his own heart..

By the way... you don't even know your own heart..
ONLY GOD TRULLY KNOWS OUR HEARTS...

Psalms 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

II. HOW CAN YOU GET A GLIMPSE AT A PERSONS HEART:

We said this morning that a man's heart can be seen in what he treasures. Where your treasure is their will be your heart.. but also we will see a man's heart by what comes out of his mouth.

1. A MAN'S HEART CAN BE JUDGED BY WHAT WE SEE OVERFLOWING FROM A MAN'S MOUTH

"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks" (Luke 6:46).

Note..... we get a glimpse at what is in a man's treasure chest when he opens his mouth and tells us...

ONE WRITER PUT IT THIS WAY:

But it is not simply a matter of what is in your heart, it is what is in your heart in abundance that counts. For that is what comes out of your mouth, especially at the critical points of your life. If the Word of God is in your heart in abundance, then the words of your mouth will be in agreement with it. This is a very powerful thing because the Bible says that God's Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish His will and prosper in whatever He sends it to do (Isaiah 55:11). God's Word in your mouth, when you speak it in faith, is every bit as powerful as God's Word in His mouth. When the treasure of God's Word is in your heart and goes forth from your mouth, it brings God's prosperity into your life.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). "Who is the man who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking lies" (Psalm 34:12-13). "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips" (Psalm 141:3).

2. We ALSO get a glimpse of a persons heart by the things they do and fruit they bear...

Luke 6:43 For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Luke 6:44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.

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III. EVERY ONE OF US NEEDS TO HAVE OUR HEARTS CHANGED BY GOD

Psalms 34:18 The LORD [is] nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Usually this does not happen until we can sick of the mess our wicked hearts make of our life...

When we become broken ...

When we repent of our sin...

When we call on him...

When we humble ourselves...

Then he comes and gives us a new heart..

This is Salvation...

This is what it means to be saved....

When we receive a new heart.... a new spirit we are born again..

This is the difference between the

OLD COVENANT... NEW COVENANT..
OLD TESTAMENT NEW TESTAMENT..

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Hebrews 8:11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

When we ask Christ into our hearts.... he sends his Holy Spirit into our lives... and

His spirit changes our hearts....

His spirit changes our motives and desires...

His spirit gives us new life...

THIS IS WHAT WE NEED

MY TESTIMONY..... TRACT... NOT ME

My desires were different back then... What happened? I had a change of heart. God worked in my heart.

This happens when we become new creatures in Christ.

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

When Christ's spirit comes into our hearts he changes our desires..
Only God can do this.

HEART SHOULD BE GUARDED

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear [me]:

CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER.. WE NEED TO GUARD OUR HEARTS

IV. THE TREASURE CHEST OF A MANS HEART CAN BE CONTROLLED BY WHAT WE ALLOW IN IT

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues of life.

Guarding your heart

Eyes

Luke 11:34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when [thine eye] is evil, thy body also [is] full of darkness.

Luke 11:35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.

Luke 11:36 If thy whole body therefore [be] full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Matthew 6:22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

Matthew 6:23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great [is] that darkness!

Psalms 19:9 The fear of the LORD [is] clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD [are] true [and] righteous altogether.

Psalms 19:10 More to be desired [are they] than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken [is like] apples of gold in pictures of silver.

Psalms 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.