

Keep Your Heart

Proverbs 4:23

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- What is the heart?
- What enters our hearts and how?
- What can we do about what enters our hearts?
- What happens within our hearts?
- What comes from what is within our hearts?
- What can we do about what comes from our hearts?
- What are the consequences of what we allow into our hearts?

What Is the Heart?

- “...the real man...”
- “...represents the true character...”
- “The heart, in its moral significance in the OT, includes the emotions, the reason and the will.”
- (quotes taken from Vine’s)

What Enters Our Hearts and How?

- Deuteronomy 4:9
- 9 Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren,

What Enters Our Hearts and How?

- Isaiah 6:9-10
- 9 And He said, “Go, and tell this people: ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’
- 10 “Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.”

What Enters Our Hearts and How?

- Acts 4:20
- For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

- Acts 22:15
- For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard.

What Can We Do About What Enters Our Hearts?

- Psalm 1:1-2
- 1 Blessed is the man
- Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
- Nor stands in the path of sinners,
- Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
- And in His law he meditates day and night.

What Can We Do About What Enters Our Hearts?

- Proverbs 18:15
- 15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge,
- And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

- Ps. 101:3
- 3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes;
- I hate the work of those who fall away;
- It shall not cling to me.

What Can We Do About What Enters Our Hearts?

- Acts 11:23
- 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.
- I Cor. 15:33
- 33 Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

What Happens Within Our Hearts?

- Psalm 119:7
- 7 I will praise You with uprightness of heart,
- When I learn Your righteous judgments.

What Happens Within Our Hearts?

- Luke 8:12
- 12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.
- Matthew 13:19
- 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

What Happens Within Our Hearts?

- Proverbs 4:20-23
- 20 My son, give attention to my words;
- Incline your ear to my sayings.
- 21 Do not let them depart from your eyes;
- Keep them in the midst of your heart;
- 22 For they are life to those who find them,
- And health to all their flesh.
- 23 Keep your heart with all diligence,
- For out of it spring the issues of life.

What Happens Within Our Hearts?

- Deuteronomy 8:14
- 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage;
- Jeremiah 23:26
- 26 How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart,

What Happens Within Our Hearts?

- What is kept vs. what is dismissed from our hearts
- Temptation vs. sin
- Matthew 4:1
- Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

- Hebrews 4:15
- For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

What Comes from What Is Within Our Hearts?

- Luke 6:45
- 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.
- Matthew 6:21
- For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

What Comes from What Is Within Our Hearts?

- Mark 7:21-23
- 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man.
- Matthew 12:34
- 34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

What Comes from What Is Within Our Hearts?

- 2 Timothy 2:22
- 22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

What Can We Do about What Comes from Our Hearts?

- James 1:26
- If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

- Proverbs 10:20
- The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

What Can We Do about What Comes from Our Hearts?

- Haggai 1:5
- Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: “Consider your ways!
- Galatians 6:7
- Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

What Can We Do about What Comes from Our Hearts?

- Exodus 23:2
- 2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil; nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to turn aside after many to pervert justice.

What Are the Consequences of What We Allow into Our Hearts?

- Romans 5:3-4
- 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.
- Behavior, habits, character.

What Are the Consequences of What We Allow into Our Hearts?

- 1 Timothy 4:12
- 12 Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- Matthew 5:16
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

What Are the Consequences of What We Allow into Our Hearts?

- Hebrews 3:12
- Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God;
- Hebrews 10:22
- Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

