

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Main points:

1. God knows our hearts.
2. God judges us by our hearts.
3. God searches our hearts.
4. God's Word needs to be written/impressed upon our hearts.
5. God tells us where to "set" our hearts".
6. God lives in our hearts.
7. God's peace protects our hearts.

Scripture references from the sermon:

Luke 16:14-15	Matthew 23:25-38
John 2:25	Acts 1:24
Jeremiah 17:1; 9	1 Corinthians 4:5
1 Thessalonians 2:4	Psalms 7:9
Psalms 139:23-24	Jeremiah 17:10
Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Jeremiah 31:33
2 Corinthians 3:1	Colossians 3:1-2
Ephesians 3:16-17	John 14:1
1 John 3:17-20	Philippians 4:6-7
Proverbs 4:23	Ecclesiastes 3:11

Questions for further study/discussion:

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-7. What does God say about the heart in these verses?
2. Why does Jesus teach us in Matthew 23:25-28?
3. How does God use His Word to change the thoughts and attitudes of our hearts?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 4:5. In what ways does this verse challenge the way you live?
5. Why does David ask God to "Search me and know my heart" in Psalm 139:23-24?
6. Why is good for us to do the same?
7. Why must we write/impress the Word of God upon our own hearts and upon the hearts of the next generation?
8. Read Colossians 3:1-2. Why must we "set our hearts upon things above"?
9. How does prayer help us when anxious? (See Philippians 4:6-7)
10. Read Proverbs 4:23. What fatherly instruction does Solomon give in this verse?
11. Why is this instruction just as important today?