

A Disciples Heart

Introduction – Part 1

“The god of this age has blinded the *minds* of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God... God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our *hearts* to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”
(2 Corinthians 4:4,6)

“They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.”
(Ephesians 4:18-19)

“Love the Lord your God with all your *heart* and with all your soul and with all your *mind* and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:30)

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The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. (Genesis 6:5)

To humans belong the plans of the heart, but from the LORD comes the proper answer of the tongue.

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.
(Proverbs 16:1,9)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding
(Proverbs 3:5)

“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)

“The heart wants what it wants.” Woody Allen

“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:1-2)

Text: Luke 6:43-45

“Change is HEART work”

1. The Heart PRODUCES

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. (Vs. 45)

“you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”
(Jeremiah 29:13)

2. The Heart PRETENDS

For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. (Vs. 45)

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.” (Colossians 3:5-10)

How do we put to death these things?

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

Romans 8:5-6, Paul says, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit."

3. The Heart PRIZES