

A Disciple's Heart

Introduction – Part 2

1. A Heart Produces
2. A Heart Pretends
- 3. The Heart Prizes**

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body. Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (Proverbs 4:23)

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)

“Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7).

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Jeremiah 31:33.)

Misplaced Prizes / Treasures:

- i. Financial security
- ii. Approval

“How can you believe if you accept praise from one another, yet make no effort to obtain the praise that comes from the only God?” (John 5:44)

- iii. Respect
- iv. Workaholism
- v. Children and their welfare

“unless in this life God is not central, you will find as your life goes on that you will become more and more frustrated, more and more angry, more and more needy, more and more empty, the thing you most want, whether it's recognition, or love, or approval, or power, will be taken away from you. You will become less and less satisfied with what life dishes out to you, you will become more angry and bitter about life, saying that nobody understands, nobody knows what you've been going through, nobody. You'll lose more and more humility and to lose humility is to lose your sanity because you're out of touch with reality and that ultimately leads to deep darkness.” CS Lewis

How can we change this heart of ours? Four questions:

1. What am I producing?
2. When am I producing?
3. How am I pretending?
4. What do I prize most?

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27, NIV)

Do you treasure Jesus Christ?

Have the affections of your heart been captured by His love?