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Saturday, November 7, 2015

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Saturday, November 21, 2015

As you begin this homework, ask God to help you humble your heart before Him and His Word. Take a few minutes to talk to Him about how your pursuit of Him in His word has gone over the last week or so. As you pray, record the thoughts that come to your mind about your Bible reading (discouragements, encouragements, etc.). Please talk to someone else in your discussion group about anything discouraging. We'd love to help! We're all in the fight together!!

LOOKING BACK...

Review your lesson notes from November 7 ("D1 - The Heart - Four Questions for My Heart from Proverbs.). Which question of the four questions stood out more for you than the others? Why that question? What do you think God desires to achieve in your life through that question?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

As you read through your reading plan over the next two weeks, write down in the space below all of the promises that God makes to His people or also to the reader. What do those promises say about God and what He is like? What impact should that make on your daily living?

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for the Saturday, November 21 lesson (D1 - The Discipline of Shepherding My Heart)... Give some thought to when disappointments or discouragements come up in your life. When do you find yourself disappointed or even discouraged in life? How do you deal with those disappointments and discouragements?

LOOKING DEEPER . . .

Consider again the four questions for your heart from Proverbs (the 3/28/15 lesson). Write a solid paragraph answer in the space provided for each question.

1. Do I value God's assessment of my heart more than my own assessment of my heart? Why?

"Who can say, 'I have cleansed my heart, I am pure from my sin?'" Proverbs 20:9

"Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but YHWH weighs the hearts." Proverbs 21:2

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will be delivered." Proverbs 28:26

"Trust in YHWH with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

2. Am I more inclined to carefully control my heart or blindly follow my heart? Why?

"Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids." Proverbs 6:25

"Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways, do not stray into her paths." Proverbs 7:25

"Do not let your heart envy sinners, but live in the fear of YHWH always." Proverbs 23:17

3. Do I know in what ways my heart is vulnerable? Provide some detail, please.

"Anxiety in a man's heart weights it down, but a good word makes it glad." Proverbs 12:25

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life." Proverbs 13:12

4. When I am in trouble, do I ever back up and consider my heart? Why or why not?

"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, but humility goes before honor." Proverbs 18:12

"How blessed is the man who fears always, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity." Proverbs 28:14

Write out a prayer. . . Spend some time in prayer about how you are shepherding your heart. How do these Proverbs need to impact the way you care for your soul? Write out a short prayer which expresses this.