

D1: The Heart - Four Questions for My Heart from Proverbs

God's wise assessment of the heart should lead the believer to ask:

1. Do I value _____ assessment of my heart more than my own assessment of my heart?

"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 _____ my heart or blindly follow my heart?

"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 _____?

"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 _____?

"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

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LOOKING BACK...

Look back at your notes from November 5 (D1 - Four Questions for My Heart from Proverbs). Remind yourself of the four questions that help the Christian rightly consider his own heart.

MY ASSESSMENT OF MYSELF

* Take another look at Proverbs 3:5,6. What does it mean to trust in the Lord with all your heart? Now read Hebrews 4:12. How does the end of this verse tell us we should counsel our heart when we are feeling confident in our own wisdom?

CONTROLLING MY HEART

* Look back at Proverbs 7:25 and 23:17. The expectation in these verses is that the believer turn from the sin that seems so attractive. How does the believer control his heart so that he does turn away from sin?

RECONSIDERING MY HEART

* Look back at Proverbs 18:12. What does this verse tell us about the condition of a man's heart just before his life becomes undone spiritually? What kinds of things draw your heart in that direction? What kinds of things help us remain humble men?

LOOKING DAY BY DAY...

Consider using part of your daily prayer time to praise Jesus for the different aspects of His divine nature.

1. Read Revelation 1:20 and 2:1. Agree with Jesus that He holds pastors in His hand and has purposely enters into close fellowship with those in the church. Ponder the protection and examination Jesus has over the pastor because of how He holds them.

2. Read Revelation 2:8. Agree with Jesus that He is the first and the last. He is the One who spoke the universe into existence (Colossians 1:16). He is also the One who will close out this age when He comes to establish His kingdom on this earth (Revelation 19:11-16).

3. Read Revelation 2:12. Agree with Jesus that He will use the sword of His mouth to strike the nations that arise against Him upon His return (Revelation 19:15). He is both the Lion and the Lamb!

4. Read Revelation 3:7. Agree with Jesus that He is the One who controls access into His kingdom. Remind yourself that the same Savior who suffered in the place of all believers on a cross now sits in a position of immense authority.

LOOKING AHEAD...

In preparation for Saturday, November 19 (D1 – Examples and Instructions from Israel's Kings), think about what causes a man who starts well in life to finish poorly. Think as well about what enables a man to finish well?