

Saturday, December 1, 2018

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **build homework**

**DUE: December 15, 2018**

### **LOOKING BACK...**

Look back at your notes from December 1 (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

1. 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 and notice what it says about the function of God's word regarding our heart. How should we counsel our heart when we are feeling confident in our own wisdom?

#### CONTROLLING MY HEART

2. 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 not turn away from sin?

#### RECONSIDERING MY HEART

3. 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 towards that condition? What kinds of things help us remain humble men?

**LOOKING DAY BY DAY . . .**

1. How consistent is your time in prayer and in God's word? Would you say that you have an eagerness to daily feed your soul with biblical truth? Why or why not?

2. When you spend time alone with God in prayer and in His word, how worshipful is that time? What things promote a spirit of worship within you when you're alone with the Lord? What things tend to make your time less worshipful?

3. Are you currently using a systematic Bible reading or study plan of some kind? If so, what aspects of that plan help you grow in your understanding and affections for God? If you are not currently using a reading plan, how do you decide what portion of God's word to use?

4. As the Christmas season draws near, what aspects of the gospel help you keep your focus on Christ? Can you think of any practical ways you can use those truths to lead your household in a deeper worship of Jesus this Christmas season?

**LOOKING AHEAD . . .**

In preparation for Saturday, December 15 (D3 – Paul's Gospel Ministry), reflect on what you believe to be the most important components of a sound, biblically-based ministry. Ask the Lord to prepare your heart to examine the earmarks of Paul's ministry to the church in Thessalonica.