

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

Foundational truth: The Lord sees everything about my heart (who I am inwardly before Him).

"For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord, and He watches all his paths." Proverbs 5:21

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, watching the evil and the good. . . Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord, how much more the hearts of men." Proverbs 15:3, 11

"The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests hearts." Proverbs 17:3

"Deliver those who are being taken away to death, and those who are staggering to slaughter, Oh hold them back. If you say, 'See, we did not know this,' Does He not consider it who weighs the hearts? And does He not know it who keeps your soul? And will He not render to man according to his work?" Proverbs 24:11-12

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?

"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

"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

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

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

"Make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding." Proverbs 2:2

"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tables of your heart." Proverbs 3:3

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

"Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 7:3

"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

"Listen, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way." Proverbs 23:19

"Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways." Proverbs 23:26

"Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles. . ." Proverbs 24:17

3. Do I know in what ways my heart is _____?

"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him." Proverbs 22:15

"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

"A joyful heart makes a cheerful face, but when the heart is sad, the spirit is broken." Proverbs 15:13

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