

(D1: The Heart)

Kardiosclerosis - The Dangers, Causes, & Remedies

The Wellspring Purpose and Disciplines:

Introduction:

A Description of Hard-Heartedness – Hebrews 3:12-15

- verb: "to harden" or "to become hardened" [of heart] (Hebrews 3:8,13,15; 4:7; Romans 9:18; Acts 19:9).
- adjective: "hardness" [of heart] (Romans 2:5).
- noun: "condition of unyielding frame of mind, or hardness of heart" (Matthew 19:8; Mark 10:5; 16:14).

I. The Dangers of Hard-Heartedness

1. A weakened conscience — 1Timothy 1:19.
2. A weakened witness — Titus 2:9-15.
3. A weakened church — Ephesians 4:16.
4. A decreasing delight in Christ — John 14:21.

5. Faltering assurance — Romans 8:12-17.
6. A vicious cycle — Galatians 6:7-9.
7. Apostasy — Hebrews 10:26-31.

II. **The Causes of Hard-Heartedness**

1. See above. Many of the causes of hard-heartedness are also the result of hard-heartedness.
2. Neglect — 2 Peter 1:3-11.
3. False Teaching — 2 Peter 2:17-21.
4. Weak Teaching — 1 Timothy 1:3-6.
5. Rejection of the Truth — Acts 19:9.

6. Isolation from the local church — Hebrews 10:25-27.

7. Disobedience — Hebrews 3:13.

III. The Remedies for Hard-Heartedness

Individual Remedies

1. Bible intake — Psalm 1.
2. Prayer — Psalm 119:10.

Corporate Remedies

1. Assembling together — Hebrews 10:25-26.
2. Being shepherded — Hebrews 13:17.
3. Restoration — Galatians 6:1-3.
4. Church discipline — Matthew 18:15-20.

Divine Remedies

1. All of the above ARE God's remedies, as they are His ordained means.
2. Discipline — Hebrews 12:5-11.
3. Warnings — Matthew 13:1–9,18–23; Mark 13:13; 1 Timothy 1:18–19; Hebrews 2:1; 3:6,12,14; 4:1,14; 6:4–8; 10:23–39; 12:15–17; 2 Peter 1:8–11; 2:19–22; 1 John 2:19; Jude 21.
4. Death — 1Corinthians 11:29-30.

Considering the Wellspring Disciplines: