



Title: Heart Check: Heart Failure.

Scripture: John 3:16

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: Only Jesus can resuscitate a spiritually dead heart.

Four Things We Need To Know About Our Hearts:

1. They are deceitful.

Vs. Jer. 17:9

The Heart is deceitful - The prophet Jeremiah is speaking to Judah. He notes that Judah is going astray, that their evil hearts were misleading them.

It strives to avail itself of every favorable circumstance to gratify its propensities to pride, ambition, evil desire, and corruption of all kinds. - Clarke

Trusting the heart is just another way of trusting in mans. - Guzik

Our hearts are not our spiritual guide, the Word of God is.

Only when God wrote his law on his people's heart could obedience replace rebellion.-Thompson via Guzik

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1. They are deceitful.

2. They are wicked.

And desperately wicked - The heart is not only deceitful (sly insidious), it is wicked (sick, incurable).

Nothing can cure the spiritual condition of our hearts apart from Jesus Christ.

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1. They are deceitful.
2. They are wicked.
3. They govern our actions.

Vs. Proverbs 23:7

For as he think in his heart, so is he - From the wisdom of Proverbs we can see how our hearts govern our actions.

Following your heart is poor advice when the heart is desperately wicked. - Guzik

Four Things We Need To Know About Our Hearts:

1. They are deceitful.
2. They are wicked.
3. They govern our actions.
4. They will fail.

Vs. Psalm 73:26

My flesh and my heart fail- Our strength will fail at some point. Our bodies will expire.

But GOD is the strength of my heart - God is the source of our strength. The idea here is that God is the ROCK of our hearts.

No matter what you have been through, or what the future may hold, God is available to be the strength of your heart.

Vs. 2 Cor. 4:1

We do not lose heart - For those of us who are in Christ Jesus, do not lose heart.

In the trials of life, don't lose heart; you are loved and prized by our heavenly Father.

Vs. John 3:16

His Heart: He greatly 'Loved the world'

His Plan: 'He gave His only Son'

His Will: 'Whoever believes'

The only way to resuscitate a spiritually lifeless heart is to come to know Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

The closer you get to Him and the more you realize you need His grace, the more you enjoy His forgiveness and marvel at His patience. - Courson

The word of God is our law. It's the playbook for life.

Vs. Ezekiel 36:26

Only God has a remedy for a failing heart.

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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3D Guide

DO.

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.

1. Has there ever been a time in your life when you made a decision based on how you felt in your heart only to have it be the wrong decision?
2. As followers of Christ, what should our decisions be based on?
3. Even though all of us have failed in some area of life, John 3:16 speaks of God's heart, will and plan. Discuss what this means to you and how this should compel us to live our lives.

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: September 15th, 2018

Need To Know: Take Time To Say Thanks!

Bible Story: Ten Men are Healed (Luke 17:11-19)

1. Today we talked about how important it is to have a grateful heart and to always say thank you. When we were little, we learned all about using our manners and how important they are. In fact it is so important, we start learning how to say thank you from the moment we begin learning how to talk. Why is it such an important thing to say?
2. We are about to enter fall and fall is the time of year when we really think about thankfulness quite a bit. What are some things you will be sharing that you are thankful for at Thanksgiving? Who are some people that you can thank right now for all that they do for you? Who should we remember to thank every day for ALL of our blessings? (God)
3. In our Bible story we saw that Jesus performed a great miracle and healed ten men who were suffering from a disease called leprosy, but how many of the healed men actually came back to thank Jesus and praise God for what he had done? (Only one) What did Jesus say? (Where are the other nine? Rise and go; your faith has made you well.)

Memory Verse: : "Let my words and my thoughts be pleasing to you, God" -Psalm 19:14

