

Sermon Notes

All of life is about relationships.

Your quality of life is directly affected by the quality of your relationships

Mark 12:28-34 (ESV) ²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him." ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Don't be great at Religion and terrible at Relationships!

Proverbs 4:23 (NKJV) Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.

Four Truths:

1. The heart is the center of your life.
2. We are told to "Guard" our hearts.
3. All of life flows from the heart

Whoever has your heart has your life

4. Not just "guard" but "diligently guard" your heart

Your Heart is designed to be captured

The things you do to keep a person's heart are the very same things you did to win it

Nobody wins hearts like Jesus!