

Above All Else

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The heart

In the Bible, ALL emotion is experienced in the heart

Old Testament - 860 times the heart is referred to (but not the physical heart!)

It separates the spiritual from the physical!

Genesis 6:5

(The heart was more than just a physical organ!)

Sin begins in the heart and flows out from it into our minds, thoughts, and actions

You don't have to teach people how to sin!

Inherited sin: it's in our nature, in our humanity!

Proverbs 4:23

"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it"

What do we guard our heart from?

How often do we remind ourselves during the week to guard our heart?

Not only is it for our protection, it's for our benefit!

The heart is the source of all things!

God, check my heart !

* in every conversation, every season

Guard your heart from assuming you know, from what we are unfamiliar with!

You cannot fix the heart unless you are aware of the state of it.

We need to recognize the state of our heart, what is the condition of your heart? (understand that everything we do is produced by the heart)

If we don't understand this, we won't understand why Jesus even came.

Do not judge someone's motives, intentions, or their heart. You have no right. God says we judge one another based on our fruit (our track record!)

There is caution in this - this can be done with and in love.

Proverbs 27:19

The "seen" things are changed when the unseen are changed first!

God sustains the seen things in the unseen

He deals with the anger, the pride

God will do whatever he can to get to the heart! Unless God can get to the root, nothing changes !

God wants to change our heart and align it with his heart

God never dealt with people by keeping them where they were at - he MOVED them !

This requires a willingness on our part! Taking a step into the unknown !

When we don't understand God, we get frustrated with him. God is BIGGER than our minds and our intellect! Our ways are not His ways and our thoughts are not His thoughts! As they should be! God is interested in dealing with the heart, that's why Christ came! He came to DEAL WITH THE HEART

Prior to salvation, the state of your heart is dead. The moment we said yes to Jesus we recognized the state of our heart without him! After we give our lives to Christ, he sanctifies us but this requires us to CHANGE! To MOVE!

Accidents do not exist in God's reality !

Sometimes God wants to do something in us before he does something through us!

King David was crazy
Shepard
Honored God and his parents
Man after Gods own heart
-lied, murderer, committed adultery

Psalm 51:10

Found in a position of quiet time

David was a fighter. Was called out, **1 Samuel 13**
Asked for forgiveness from God right away. Came to God

Immediately repent shows our maturity

Romans 1::21

Let us never get to a place that we think we know what is best for us

You are the only obstacle that is preventing you from moving

In all seasons be joyful...nothing external will change until the next internal changes

Mark 7...the position and state of your heart without Christ is death

Mottos and principles don't save us, Jesus does

Continue to honor Him

We need to say what David said...search my heart and I want to be more like Christ

Romans 6:23