

# Vulnerable Heart

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## **Proverbs 4:23**

"ABOVE ALL ELSE guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it"

Sometimes, any movement is good! As followers of Christ, we should be moving towards Him!

When we gather together as a church, as a family, we all have areas of insecurity in our life!

The environment of the "seed"

Why are we harvesting things in our life but we haven't been able to connect the fact that we have been sowing them!

You always harvest what you sow!

In your thoughts, words, actions!

The environment is important because it is in the environment that the seed can grow to everything God intended it to be

The importance of the church environment

In our culture, it is "weird" to follow the Word of God.

However, people find a longing for greater significance and meaning and find themselves in the church.

We do everything we do because we want people to meet JESUS!

When people come into the church for the first time, they are aware of everything that is wrong in their life. The church should be the one family that attracts people dealing with sin. The church has pushed people away that are aware of their sin. God did not fear sin! So much so that he sent his ONLY Son to DEFEAT sin!

As followers of Christ, we were MADE to MOVE but God won't MAKE us move!

The church environment should be an environment to allow people to exit the areas of sin in their life.

Fear and shame cause you to never become involved in church. Or you act as everything is OK and never move.

We must move along in our journey with Jesus!

This requires us to be honest and vulnerable with yourself and other people!

There is something powerful about an environment that is loving and encouraging - YOU GROW!

In the spiritual family - we need to be vulnerable with one another!

If we keep our problems sealed in a vault, God still knows about it! Jesus came to set us FREE!!! Jesus said the enemy comes to seek, kill and destroy, and the enemy will do that if we do not become vulnerable! If we are not vulnerable in our household, we won't be vulnerable in a small group in the church. We are so afraid of what people's response will be to us, what will people think, mostly to protect who we are!

If you have a greater fear of man and what they view you as you will never have a fear of God!

We should operate in the sense of transparency and vulnerability.

We are supposed to be DEAD to ourselves!! But Christ lives in us!

We gave up the right to our fleshly desires when we said yes to Jesus!

We welcome transparency but take sin seriously.

Sin separates us from God!

## **Romans 6:12-14**

"Do not let sin control the way you live"...

Sin is not WHO YOU ARE! You are no longer a slave to sin!!!

"...SIN IS NO LONGER YOUR MASTER"!!

"Instead you live under the FREEDOM of God's grace!!!"