

Lesson 7

What is in Your Heart?

Sanctification: Transitioning to the Reflection of God

Introduction

What you believe either impacts how you live, or you simply do not believe it. The heart is what drives your action. The challenge of developing a strong faith is two basic concepts:

1. Determine what you sincerely believe and what you hope for in your heart.
2. Bringing your action under the control of your true faith.

Below are a few questions for your consideration. Please think about them and answer them honestly and sincerely.

1. Circle the statement that most represents you.
 - a. I was taught to believe in God, and my faith is based on what I was taught.
 - b. I am not sure there is a God, but I am not sure there is not a God.
 - c. I believe, but I don't spend much time thinking about it.
 - d. I believe, but I don't spend much time thinking about it.
 - e. I believe in God and think about my faith all the time.
 - f. My faith is the core that drives me to be more like Christ.

1. Why do you think your faith is strong or weak?
 - a. I do not spend much time studying the scripture, my focus is on other things.
 - b. I spend little time on prayer and thinking about what God wants for me.
 - c. I know the basics and believe my knowledge is sufficient.
 - d. I focus more on commands than I do on the character of Christ.
 - e. I think about God's presence and his promises every day.

Proverb 23:7: “As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.” The word (thinks) in this passage is the Hebrew word for “GATEKEEPER”. You are the gatekeepers of your heart. Whatever we allow to dwell in our hearts is what we are and what we become.

1. Galatians 5:19-21: how does the flesh impact our hearts

2. Galatians 5:22-23: how does the fruit of the Spirit impact your heart?

“Faith is about what you hope for and how your heart is affected by what you choose to let into it.”

Scriptures to Study:

Romans 10:8-17

Keywords:

Confess, vs 9 – “to assent, covenant with.”

Righteousness, vs 10 - “equity (of character or act)”

Call upon, vs.12 – “to invoke as our Lord.”

Saved, vs. 13 – “delivered, protected, saved, made whole.”

Faith comes by Hearing the word of God, vs. 17.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Key words: all in verse 5.

Casting Down: “to demolish.”

Imaginations: “thoughts.”

High Things: “an elevated thing in your mind.”

Exalts itself again: “has a higher place in our thoughts.”

Bring into captivity: “Locking up things that would lead us to disobey Christ.”

First, we must decide what we believe. If we believe in salvation in Christ, we must take all things captive to our hope.