

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED

(Godly Wisdom – Our Compass at the Crossroads of Life)

Part 6 – Getting to the Heart of the Matter

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2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT), “The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those **whose hearts are fully committed** to him.”

1. Developing the _____ of God.

1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV), “For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks on the heart**.”

Psalms 139:1 (NLT), “¹ O Lord, you have **examined my heart** and know everything about me.”

Acts 13:22 (ESV), “And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse **a man after my heart**, who will do all my will.’”

Psalms 51:10 (ESV), “Create in me a **clean heart**, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

2. _____ your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT), “**Guard your heart** above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

Psalms 119:11 (ESV), “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT), “⁶ Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. **His peace will guard your hearts and minds** as you live in Christ Jesus.”

3. Maintaining a heart of _____.

James 3:13 (NLT), “If you are **wise** and understand God’s ways, **prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works** with the **humility** that comes from **wisdom**.”

Proverbs 22:4 (NLT), “True **humility** and **fear of the LORD** lead to riches, honor, and long life.”

James 3:14-16 (NLT), “But if you are bitterly **jealous** and there is **selfish ambition in your heart**, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying. ¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are not God’s kind of wisdom. Such things are **earthly, unspiritual, and demonic**. ¹⁶ For wherever there is **jealousy** and **selfish ambition**, there you will find **disorder** and **evil** of every kind.”

James 3:17 (NLT), “But the **wisdom from above** is **first of all pure**. It is also **peace loving, gentle** at all times, and willing to **yield to others**. It is full of **mercy** and the **fruit of good deeds**. It shows **no favoritism** and is always **sincere**.”

4. _____ your heart.

Ecclesiastes 10:2 (NASB), “**A wise person’s heart directs him toward the right**, but the foolish person’s heart directs him toward the left.”

Colossians 3:1 (NIV), “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Proverbs 3:5 (ESV), “Trust in the Lord with **all your heart**, and do not lean on your own understanding.”

Mark 12:30 (NIV), “Love the Lord your God with **all your heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”
