

Application in Community

Questions:

1. Let us invoke the Lord in prayer, invite Jesus to be our leader and the Holy Spirit to be our guide, all for GOD's glory (who wants to pray?)
2. When it comes to decision making, what informs you?
3. What do you think of the Bible? Specifically, is it "inerrant" or "infallible" or "authoritative" in your life?
4. Is the Bible more of a book of suggestions? Guiding principles? Or governing laws and commands for everyday life?
5. When something in Scripture doesn't sit well with you, what is your response?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Matthew 5:17-20

6. Based on these scriptures, when something in Scripture doesn't sit well, or doesn't seem to apply to us today, how should we go about interpreting it to discern if we should apply it or not?
7. Let us pray for how to apply the Bible in this crazy time...

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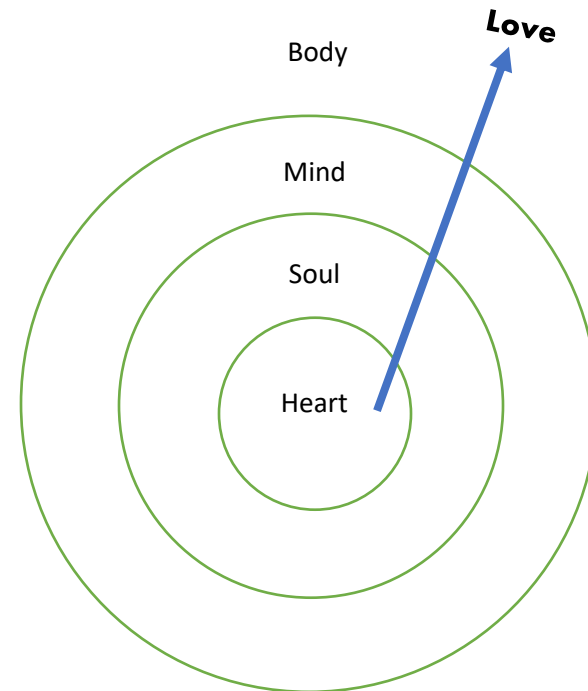


Practicing Truth when it is Costly: part 1 of 3

Scripture is our Authority – Matthew 5:17-20

Intro – The times increasingly cause us to have to make hard decisions –

Q. Who or what guides your decision making?



Defining "Heart" – The control [center](#) of your being

From our Statement of Faith:

THE WORD OF GOD - We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God, infallible, inerrant in the original writings, complete as the revelation of God's will sufficient for salvation, and the supreme and final authority in all matters to which they speak (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 119:89, 160; Matthew 5:17-20; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

1. What Jesus thought of Scripture (OT)

Matthew 5:17 ***“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ”***

2. How it relates to the GOSPEL

¹⁹ “Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

3. Scripture for such a time as this [Romans 13:1-7, focus next week]

Defining Important Terms:

Authority of Scripture: “The idea that all the words in Scripture are God’s in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.”

– Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*, p. 1236

Inerrancy of Scripture: “The idea that Scripture in the original manuscripts does not affirm anything that is contrary to fact.”

– Grudem, 1245

Infallibility of Scripture: “The idea that Scripture is not able to lead us astray in matters of faith and practice.”

– Grudem, 1245

Heart: “...the seat of man’s spiritual and intellectual life, the inner nature of man. Here the close connection between spiritual and intellectual processes and the functional reactions of the heart’s activity is particularly clearly seen. This explains the close contact between the concepts of [heart] and [soul] which can even be used interchangeably. In the OT [heart] is also the seat of man’s feeling, thinking and willing. ...the seat of emotions...the seat of understanding and of knowledge, of rational forces and powers... the will originates in the heart...”

– Colin Brown, *New International Dictionary of NT Theology*, Vol. 2, p181