

A Good Heart Condition

Scripture: Jer. 12:5-11

Intro: The major problems facing us in our society, physically is the heart. When one develops heart trouble he will do whatever necessary to improve the heart even to a transplant. We need to give proper care and heed to our heart, spiritually. (Pr. 4:23)

1. Christians have Christ there. (Gal. 4:6; Phil. 4:7; Ro. 10:10; Eph. 3:17; Heb. 10:22)
2. Christians can have coldness there. (Heb. 3:12-13; Pr. 23:7; Lam. 5:17)

I. Lay Your Family to Heart. (Mk. 10:1-9)

- A. Accept this to be God's will. (Eccl. 9:9)
 1. Marriage is for life: permanent
 2. Marriage is for real: personal responsibility
 - a. Hardness of heart. (Mk. 10:5; Pr. 28:14; Heb. 3:13; Pr. 14:14; Heb. 4:7)
 - b. Harness your heart. (Pr. 4:23; Ps. 66:18)
- B. Accord your life to God's will. (Mal. 2:14-15)
 1. Perfect will of God. (Ro. 12:2; Pr. 5:18)
 - a. Dwell together. (I Pet. 3:7)
 - b. Delight thyself. (Heb. 13:4)
 2. Permissive will of God. (Pr. 19:14; 11:29)
 - a. Glamour of single life not for you once you wed. (Eccl. 5:5-6)
 - b. Glimmer of sin will not be in your best interests. (Ps. 81:12; Mal. 2:2)

II. Lay Your Church to Heart. (Lk. 24:32)

- A. Get it in your heart who started it. (Mt. 16:18)
 1. Christ in your heart and church is not. (Jas. 4:8)
 2. Christ in your heart and scripture not heeded. (Col. 3:16)
- B. Get it in your heart who spiritualized it. (Acts 2:1-4; 2:41,42,47)
 1. Body united: Members part of body. (I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:16) (hold the body)
 - a. The body parts must coordinate: organism
 - b. The believer is part of Christ: organization
 2. Bride united: Members part of the head. (Col. 2:19) (hold the head)
 - a. The two are one: cooperation of body with head. (Eccl. 5:1-2)

III. Lay Your Convictions to Heart. (Eph. 6:6; Heb. 4:12; 13:9)

- A. Good conviction about self.
 1. Direction of life: proper paths.
 2. Destiny for your life: Reason for existence.
- B. Good conviction about scripture. (Heb. 4:12)
 1. That it is for your good.
 2. That it will make you good.