

# Our Hearts are Extremely Valuable

*Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.*

## **Our hearts are the rocket boosters of our lives:**

They are the source of passion, desire, emotion, trust, courage, pride, insight, wisdom, determination, appetite, and affection.

## **But, Our hearts can be deceived (led astray)**

### **God is concerned about our hearts; He examines our hearts.**

*Matthew 15:8 “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

*1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”*

### **We should not harden (deaden) our hearts; we need them.**

### **Instead we should direct our hearts; take care of them.**

God wants alive, responsive hearts that believe and trust Him.

*Hebrews 3:12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.*

*Hebrews 13:9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.*

### **God’s desire is for us to treasure Him with all our heart and soul.**

*Deuteronomy 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

*Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*

*Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

### **Because our hearts are so valuable, God’s plan is to transform our hearts.**

(We must trust God to change us)

*Ezekiel 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.*

*Acts 15:9 He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.*

### **When we put our faith in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes and lives in our heart and makes our hearts new**

*Romans 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

*Galatians 4:6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.”*

So the heart is utterly crucial to Jesus. What we are in the deep, private recesses of our lives is what he cares about most. Jesus did not come into the world simply because we have some bad habits that need to be broken. He came into the world because we have such dirty hearts that need to be purified. –John Piper