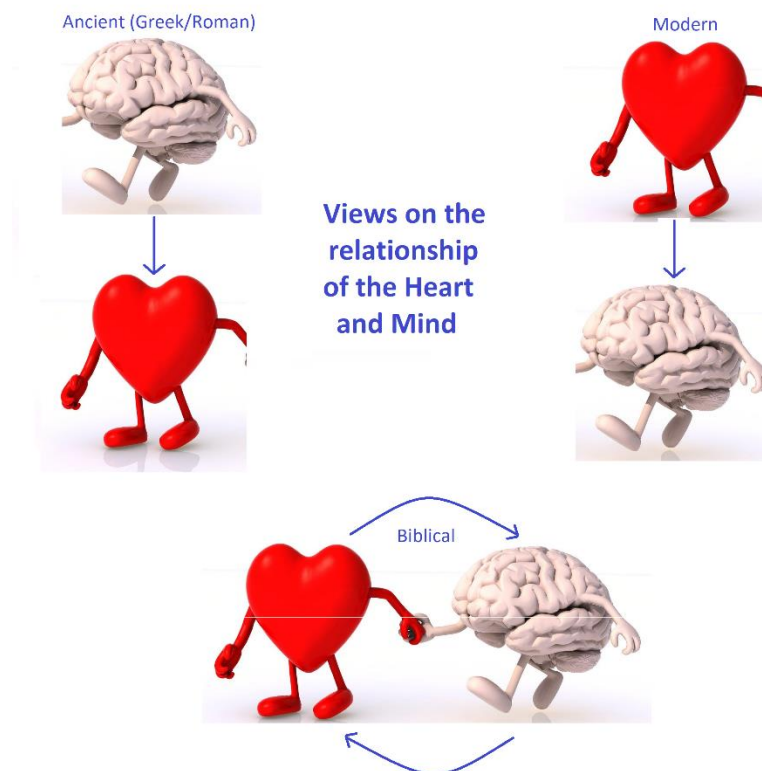


Tim Keller “Preaching to the Heart” workshop The Gospel Coalition 2015 National Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWe1E8AMMr8&feature=youtu.be>

- Two primary and necessary concerns with preaching: 1. Truth 2. Communicating to a particular people group
- Ancient, Modern, and Biblical view on relationship of heart and mind.
 - Bible -> Heart is the seat of what you trust and treasure



- Opinion of God’s Love versus what our heart really gasps/believes.
- Power of Preaching
 - Making the abstract knowledge a sensory experience
 - Changes people not so much as a list of things to try out next week but by the impression/penetration made during preaching to the heart

- Six Keys to Preaching to the Heart
 1. Culturally
 - a. Avoid MEGO (My Eyes Glaze Over)
 - b. Very difficult because it requires understanding our assumptions
 - c. Understanding and communicating our baseline cultural narratives.
 2. Affectionally
 - a. Non Deliberate Transparency
 - b. How has this truth repaired your own life and how is it important to you
 - c. Requires both
 - i. Knowing your material well- so you are not struggling to know “what comes next”
 - ii. Rich/deep prayer life
 3. Imaginatively
 - a. Bringing the abstract and making it a sensory experience
 - b. Pictures in our mind : Gen 4:7 (God/Cain Example)
 4. Practically
 - a. Application Specific
 - b. The need to challenge your audience, to test their hearts
 5. Wondrously
 - a. Why we love (deep desire of the human heart) Fairy tales
 - b. Escape from time, triumph over evil, meet marvelous and mysterious.
 6. Christologically
 - a. Causes us to transition thinking to Worship
 - b. What changes a lesson into a sermon.

- Q & A Notes
 - Bad to Good Sermons are based on Preacher Preparation
 - Good to Great Sermons are dependent on the Holy Spirit
 - How to increase our Imaginatively? Read Fiction as well as a great diversity of type of literature and voices outside your tribe
 - Preaching needs to be Authoritative.