

Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands
Chapter 4

1. How did this chapters challenge and/or encourage your understanding of our hearts as the target in personal ministry?
2. From pages 57-58, what is the goal of effective personal ministry?
3. From pages 59-60, what is the Biblical meaning of the "heart"?
4. Read Luke 6:43-45. According to this passage, what is the root cause of our problem?
 - a) Read Matthew 23:25-26. What does this passage teach us about the heart and behavior change?
5. On page 63, Tripp gives the example of stapling good fruit to a bad tree. He goes on to say that "...in personal ministry, much of what we do to produce growth and change in ourselves and others is little more than 'fruit stapling.' It attempts to exchange apples for apples without examining the heart, the root behind the behavior." How have you seen this in your life and in the life of those to whom you minister?
6. Read Romans 1:21-25. Explain the "great exchange" in your own words.

7. On page 69, Tripp says: "If we fail to examine the heart and the areas where it needs to change, our ministry efforts will only result in people who are more committed and successful idolaters. Take a moment and ask God to examine your heart and reveal any hidden idols of which you must repent."