

“Wholly Devoted Heart”

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Introduction:

- A. What mechanics do with _____ is fantastic, what doctors do with _____ hearts is incredible, but what God does with the _____ heart is miraculous.
- B. Often times in Scripture the _____ and _____ are used interchangeably or side by side.
- C. If we have to make a distinction between the two, then I would say that the mind is the part of us that _____ and knows, the heart is the part that _____ and wills.

I. The Importance of a Wholly Devoted Heart

- A. Over and over again in Scripture, God tells us that the heart is very important (Prov. 4:23; Mt. 12:33-35).
- B. It is important to have a wholly devoted heart because it is involved in _____ the course of our lives.
- C. It is important to have a wholly devoted heart because God _____ and _____ the heart (Jer. 17:9-10; Lk. 16:15; 1 Sam. 16:7).
- D. It is important to have a wholly devoted heart because God _____ our hearts (Eph. 3:17; 2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19).

II. Types of Spiritual Heart Disease

- A. The _____ heart or _____ heart (Heb. 4:7).
- B. The _____ heart (Ex. 20:3; Mt. 6:24; Lk. 14:26; Mt. 10:37).

III. Developing a Wholly Devoted Heart

- A. We need _____ help to have a wholly devoted heart.
- B. The process begins by _____ God to work (Ps. 51:10; Ezek. 36:26-27).
- C. The process continues with some regular _____ and _____.
- D. Our hearts are like a _____.
- E. The kinds of attention and action needed are:
 - 1. _____ our hearts (Ps. 139:23).
 - 2. _____ what doesn't belong.
 - 3. _____ our hearts (1 Pet. 3:15; Col. 3:1; Ps. 119:30).
 - 4. _____ our hearts (Phil. 4:7; Prov. 4:23).
- F. God wants us to be wholly devoted to Him and He is seeking to bless and _____ those who are wholly devoted (2 Chr. 16:9).

Answer Key: Intro. A. engines, physical, spiritual. B. mind, heart. C. learns, feels. I.B. directing. I.C. knows, judges. I.D. lives, in. II.A. hard, calloused. II.B. divided. III.A. God's. III.B. asking. III.C. attention, action. III.D. garden. III.E.1. Examine. III.E.2. Remove. III.E.3. Focus. III.E.4. Guard. III.F. strengthen.