



# Sermon Notes July 7, 2019

## The Spiritual Heart

(Seeking God With All Your Heart Series PART 1)

When people see our actions or hear our words that are not **Holy Spirit** driven, it is because something is wrong with our heart.

### What is the spiritual heart according to the scriptures?

#### I. The **intellect**.

- ☞ The heart **thinks**. Genesis 6:5
- ☞ The heart **reasons**. Mark 2:8
- ☞ The heart **understands**. Romans 10:9-10
- ☞ The heart can **doubt**. Mark 11:23

#### II. The **conscience**.

- The conscience is **taught**.
- The conscience **prompts** your will power to do what is right and not what is wrong when faced with a decision between the two.
- It is what **convicts** you when you make the wrong choice.
- Paul's life is a great example of a **conscience** developed by his upbringing that had to go through a major work to change.
  - So Paul **obeying** his conscience that had been developed by his upbringing was doing what he believed to be right in persecuting the church. Acts 23:1, Acts 26:9-11
  - To get to Paul, God used a major event on the road to Damascus to cause his intellect to **re-educate** his conscience.
  - God himself had to **instruct** Paul as to his mission in life.
  - Acts 26:16-20
  - These **new instructions** from God now prompted Paul to build the church that he had once destroyed. I Corinthians 15:9-10

#### III. The **emotions, affections, and feelings**.

- Paul uses it in reference to **anguish**. 2 Corinthians 2:4
- Jesus uses this in relation to our **love** for God. Matthew 22:37
- In the final analysis, your **affections** really decide for you whether or not you obey what you have been taught, and what your conscience prompts you to do.
- How much you **love** God and what is right will determine how long it takes for you to quit what is wrong. I John 2:15

- If your affections are towards things that are wrong your **conscience** will not stop you from doing what is wrong.

#### IV. The **will**.

- ✓ This is the **decision making** part of the heart. Acts 11:23, Daniel 1:8, 2 Corinthians 9:7

#### V. Every person is being led by a **governing** spirit.

- ✓ The spirit of **evil one** – 1 John 5:19, Ephesians 2:2
- ✓ The **Holy Spirit** - Romans 8:14

#### Final consideration

This inner you is what the bible calls the heart. Are you seeking God with all your heart?

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