



## Sermon Notes August 25, 2019

The Will of the Heart"  
(Seeking God With All Your Heart Series Part 5)

### INTRODUCTION

First the mind thinks

Second the conscience either approves or disapproves of what you are thinking of doing

Third your affections either like or dislike your decision

Fourth you act what you decided to do either in accordance with your conscience or against it.

### Why do people finally make the decisions that they do? Why do people live the way they live?

As our minds develop from childhood, everything you do starts with what's natural, an impulse, a practice, or a thought.

**What's natural** – the way God made our bodies. A baby wanting milk, our eyes blinking, heart beating. Our bodies do these things and we do these things because of the way God made our bodies to work.

**Impulse buying** - Companies market to impulse buying – the small items at the check out stand are mostly directed towards impulse items. Gimmicks are geared toward impulse buying. REMEMBER THE FIGGET SPINNER – EVERYONE HAD TO HAVE ONE.

**Practice** is - mom and dad did it this way, so I am going to continue doing it. Everyone else does it this way, so I am going to do it this way also.

**Thought** is intellectual thinking that brings you to a reasonable conclusion in your mind that you act on.

#### I. What does the unsaved(unregenerate) heart do with their lives?

☞ Follows the impulses and sensations of the **flesh**.

- \* This is brought about by core thought of "How will this **benefit** me".

Life is all about them.

#### ➤ **Three things are considered when they act:**

- How will this make me look to my **peers** – need for **acceptance**.**

Absolom – Sitting at the gate gathering a group of men to follow him. II Samuel 15:1-6

- How will this help me achieve my **selfish** agenda for my life – need for **personal achievement**.**

Ahab and Naboth's vineyard. I Kings 21

- How will this please my **flesh** – need for self **gratification**.**

Samson and a wife from the Philistines. Judges 14

#### II. What does the saved heart do with their lives?

They follow the will of their **heavenly Father**. – Matthew 7:21

- They are **optimistic** about what they can do for God.**

Philippians 4:13

- They see the need to do all for the **glory of God**.**

1 Corinthians 10:31

- They considers how their actions **benefit** the body of Christ as a **whole** and **individually**.**

1 Corinthians 12:24-25

1 Corinthians 14:12

1 Corinthians 14:26

#### III. What does the heart of the fallen do with their lives?

- Their actions are no longer **Christ** focused.**

Colossians 3:1-2

Hebrews 12:2

- They walk by **site** not by faith**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight);

- They begin to elevate **man's** wisdom over God's.**

Galatians 1:6-10

- They begin to see the **world** as able to fulfill their desires rather than God.**

2 Timothy 4:10

- Their former lusts begin to **rule** their life.**

1 Peter 1:14

- Millions of people are doing the very things that God said would send them to hell
- Millions of people who have chosen Christ, have made the decision to take up their cross and follow him.
- There are others who have turned back to the world after following Christ. They have chosen to do things for their own glory, flesh, recognition, satisfaction and as Peter said they are like a dog returning to it's vomit.

#### ➤ WHICH ARE YOU?