

"The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out." (Proverbs 20:5)

I. Introduction

II. Why is the "heart" so important?

- A. It explains how to _____ God

1 Samuel 16:7 – "But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the **LORD looks on the heart**."

- B. It explains who I am

Mark 7:21–22 – "For **from within**, out of the **heart** of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness."

- C. It explains who _____ are

- D. It explains our eternal _____

III. The Foundation of Heart Motives

- A. Total Depravity

1. Since Adam

Genesis 3:5 – "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, **and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.**"

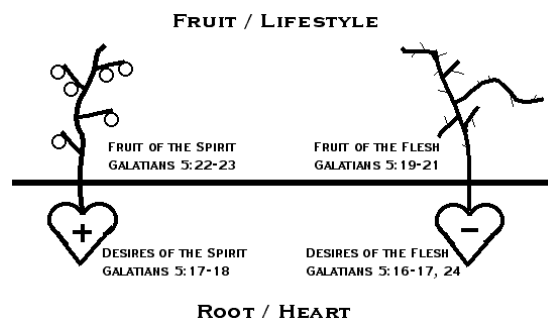
2. Since birth

Romans 8:7-8 – "For the mind that is set on the **flesh [i.e. "sinful nature"]** is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."

3. How "depraved"

Romans 7:18 – "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my **flesh**. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out."

- B. Regeneration: The birth of the Spirit's nature!



1. Two natures in conflict

*Galatians 5:16-22 – “But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not gratify the **desires of the flesh**. [17] For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. [19] Now the **works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, [20] idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, [21] envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. [22] But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”*

C. Implication: R_____ is the key to life change!

IV. An Overview of Heart Motives

- A. Theory: 4-wide, 1-deep
- B. Four expressions of how man desires to be God

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| R_____ ME: Worship Idolatry “Above” | L_____ ME: Fame Idolatry “Wide” |
| L_____ ME: Love Idolatry “Deep” | P_____ ME: Law Idolatry “High” |

C. Definitions of “Layers”

- 1. S_____ layer
- 2. F_____ layer

D. Minor Heart Motives

- 1. Our MINOR is a means to get to our MAJOR Heart Motive
- 2. Our MINORS will change depending on situation and phase of life
- 3. Our MINORS will be noticeable/stronger, the more our MAJOR heart motive is in failure layer

V. The Goal of Heart Motives (R&R)

- A. Repent & Redeem
 - 1. “Pin-prick to the heart” instead of a scatter-shot approach
- B. How to detect your Heart Motive (or someone else’s)
 - 1. Ask: “On a scale of 1-10, name a situation (ex. from last month) where you experienced an Emotional Intensity of a “9” or “10”
 - 2. Narrow it down to 1 H.M.
 - i. Why...? Why...? Why...?
- C. “Knowing is half the battle!”
 - 1. Repent: Fight your heart motive! Daily, deliberate “putting to death” by the power of the Holy Spirit
 - 2. Redeem: Serve and glorify God through a redeemed heart motive