

## THE HEART OF ALL THINGS

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What is the condition of your heart? Is it alive and well? Is it dead or disabled? Have you lost your capacity to love, to live, to worship? Are you sleepwalking through life, without much feeling?

Prov 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

The heart is central. Your heart is at the heart of everything about you. Nothing is more important in your life than your heart. The subject of the heart is addressed in the Bible more than any other topic. More than worship, more than works, more than faith, more than obedience, more than money, more than love, more than anything else. In fact, all other things are matters of the heart.

Deut 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

1 Sam 16:7...man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

2 Chron 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

The Bible lets us know that the heart is the source of creativity, courage and conviction. It is the source of our faith, our hope and our love. It is the wellspring of life within us, the very essence of our being.

There is no escaping the centrality of the heart. God knows that; it's why He made it the central theme of the Bible, just as the heart is in the center of our body, to find our true lives; the heart needs to be central in everything we do and are a part of.

To find God, we must look deep within our hearts. To hear God, we must listen to our heart. To be present with God, we must be present with our heart. To love Him, we must love Him with our heart. We cannot be the person that God meant for us to be and we cannot live the life that God meant for us to live, unless we live from our hearts.

Without a heart, we cannot have God. Without a heart, we cannot have love. Without a heart, we cannot have faith. Without a heart, we will not find meaning in our work. In other words, without a heart, life is void of meaning and purpose.

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