

EXAMINING YOUR HEART

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Introduction:

1. THE HEART EXAMINED

A. Examined by the Word of God

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1. The Word of God is alive – quick
2. The Word of God is powerful
3. The Word of God is sharp
4. The Word of God pierces
5. The Word of God discerns

2. THE HEART EXPOSED – THOUGHTS AND INTENTS

Acts 15:8 (KJV)

⁸ And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

A. Foolish heart

Psalms 14:1 (KJV)

¹ The fool hath said in his heart, *There is* no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is* none that doeth good.

B. Evil heart

Zechariah 7:10 (KJV)

¹⁰ And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

Proverbs 26:4 (KJV)

⁴ Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

C. Hard Heart

Romans 2:5 (KJV)

⁵ But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

D. Wicked Heart

Daniel 5:21 (KJV)

²¹ And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was

made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.

3. THE HEART EXCHANGED

A. God opens the heart

Acts 16:14-15 (KJV)

¹⁴ And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. ¹⁵ And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

B. God provides a new heart

Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV)

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

¹⁷ Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.