

# AS A MAN THINKETH IN HIS HEART

## PROVERBS 23:6-8

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Introduction:

A man is not what he SAYS at church on Sunday!

We ARE what we BELIEVE!

Let's dive into the heart of things: what do we really believe about God in secret? We are lulled into a false sense of security because we have read the Bible or can quote a few verses.

How many times have you been reading scripture and you speed read through a section because you already know what it says? In truth, we have not grasped the depth of Scripture, we simply have information.

So often we demonstrate to others that we're doing all the right things, but the power of knowing the things of God is not written on our hearts.

Notice in this passage:

## 1. DIRECTION EXPOUNDED

### Proverbs 23:6

<sup>6</sup> Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath* an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats:

A. Eat not

B. Desire not

## 2. DECEPTION EXPOSED

### Proverbs 23:7

<sup>7</sup> For as he thinketh in his heart, so *is* he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

A. Flattery

### Psalm 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men. <sup>2</sup> They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: *with* flattering lips *and* with a double heart do they speak.

### **Psalm 55:18-21**

<sup>18</sup> He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle *that was* against me: for there were many with me. <sup>19</sup> God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God. <sup>20</sup> He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant. <sup>21</sup> *The words* of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war *was* in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet *were* they drawn swords.

### **B. Fraud**

There are those that pretend to welcome their friends but they are not sincere in it.

They have a fair tongue, and know what they should say: *Eat and drink, saith he*, because it is expected that the master of the feast should so compliment his guests; but they have *an evil eye*, and grudge their guests every bit they eat, especially if the eat freely.

He will seek to use for his own advantage, those who obligate themselves to him by accepting his pretended kindnesses. However pleasing his smile, it is hiding a deceptive heart. He is covetous and self-seeking, and his ways are shaped accordingly.

### 3. DISCOVERY EXPRESSED

#### Proverbs 23:8

<sup>8</sup>The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words.

#### A. Disgust

Most of us at one time or another has discovered that what we once thought about an individual is proven wrong later on. Some have been deceived, abused, maligned, and lied to.

#### B. Discharge

When the deception is discovered it literally is sickening.

Close:

What are we to do?

First we are to pray wisdom, discernment and perception.

Secondly we should base our choices from the principles of God's Word, which includes our friends, and our involvement with other people.

Third we should be careful that we don't obligate ourselves to later have to do something that would compromise our testimony.