## The Heart

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## Introduction

- 1. Text Proverbs 14:30; Luke 8:15
- 2. The word "heart" is used 81 times in Proverbs. Four chapters do not have the word "heart" in it. 1,9,29,30
- 3. The "heart" used in Proverbs 2:2; 3:5; 4:4, 21, 23
- 4. In other scriptures much emphasis is placed on the heart
  - a. Hebrews 4:12 thought and intends
  - b. 2 Corinthians 9:7 purposes
  - c. Matthew 22:37 love
  - d. Mark 2:8 reason
  - e. Proverbs 3:5 thinks
- 5. Physically we desire a heart that is free of disease.
- 6. Spiritually speaking we want a heart that is free of disease.
- 7. Yet we know physically and spiritually some have heart disease
- 8. Let us see some of the spiritual heart diseases.

**II** Discussion

- 1. There is a deceived Heart James 1:26
  - a. This is a man who does not control his tongue is self-deceived
  - b. He has a false impression whether by appearance, statement or influence.
  - c. We can be deceived by riches Matthew 13:22
  - d. We can be deceived by sin Hebrews 3:13; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:4
  - e. This man is deceiving himself, the worst kind of deceit.
- 2. There is an impenitent and harden heart Romans 2:5
  - a. Hardened Exodus 10:22; Mark 8:17; John 12:40
  - b. This heart is harden by not heeding what God has said!
- 3. There is the Satan-filled heart Acts 5:3-4
  - a. They were lying about their giving, tax time for us, do we lie about our giving?
  - b. 2 Corinthians 9:7 the proper attitude in giving
- 4. There is the not right heart Acts 8:18-23
  - a. Here is real heart trouble and serious heart trouble
  - b. He needed his heart fixed quickly
- 5. There is a purified heart Acts 15:7-9
  - a. The word here is katharidzo means to cleanse
  - b. It is obedience "by faith" 1 Timothy 1:5; 2 Timothy 2:22
  - c. James 4:8 uses this word plus another word for ceremonial cleansing (completely cleansed)
- 6. There is a purposed heart Acts 11:23-24
  - a. This word in used in Ephesians 5:31 Joined
  - b. We are to abide in the Lord John 15:4-7
- III Conclusion
  - 1. We can have some serious spiritual heart problems and there is a cure for them
  - 2. We must have a purified heart 1 Peter 1:22

- 3. We must have a purposed heart Revelation 2:104. What kind of heart do you have?

Source: Spiritual Self examination sermons; Strongs Vines Englishman