

## The Heart of the Matter

*"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23 [NKJV]*

*"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." Proverbs 4:23 [NIV]*

### FACTS ABOUT THE HEART

**FACT #1: My heart controls \_\_\_\_\_**

*"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." Daniel 1:8*

*"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." Matthew 12:34*

**FACT #2: Just because my \_\_\_\_\_ is good, doesn't mean that my \_\_\_\_\_ is good**

*"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." Matthew 15:8*

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9*

**FACT #3: God's primary concern is the state of \_\_\_\_\_**

*"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7*

### DISCOVERING MY HEART

*"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things." Matthew 12:35*

- **WORDS: watch for \_\_\_\_\_**

- ATTITUDES: watch for \_\_\_\_\_

- MORALS/BELIEFS: watch for \_\_\_\_\_

### GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

STEP 1: \_\_\_\_\_

*"Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place." Psalm 51:6*

*"...looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" Heb. 12:15*

STEP 2: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them." Ezekiel 36:26-27*

STEP 3: \_\_\_\_\_

*"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Galatians 6:9*

God's greatest desire is to give you  
a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_

*"Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart." Jeremiah 24:7*

*"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose HEART is loyal to Him."*

2 Chronicles 16:9