

1 **THE HEART**

Ps Demi (22/12/13)

2 **The Heart**

- ⊙ Describes the 'core' of man, the seat of both the moral nature and the spiritual life of man i.e the spirit and the soul (a dilemma/internal war for the born again!)
- ⊙ Soul (mind, will & emotion) – emotions (grief Jn 14:1; joy Jn 16:22); desires (Matt 5:28 & 2Pet 2:14); affections (Lk 24:32 & Acts 21:13); perceptions (Jn 12:40 & Eph 4:18); the thoughts (Matt 9:4 & Heb 4:12); the understanding (Matt 13:15 & Rom 1:21); the reasoning powers (Mk 2:6 & Lk 24:38); the imagination (Lk 1:51, Gen 6:5, 8:21, 11:6); the intentions (Heb 4:12); purpose (Acts 11:23 & 2Cor 9:7); the will (Rom 6:17)

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- ⊙ Spirit – the conscience (Acts 2:37 & 1Jn 3:20-21); faith (Mk 11:23, Rom 10:10 & Heb 3:12);
- ⊙ The heart is very important to God because He sees/looks at the heart (Heb 4:13, 1Sam 16:7, 2Chr 16:9)
- ⊙ Sin, once conceived in the heart is as good as committed and this is what brings defilement – Matt 5:21-28; Mk 7:14-23 & Matt 15: 10-20
- ⊙ Hidden sins are more dangerous – Eph 4:20-5:18

4 **The Heart**

Very important to us – Prov 4:23 – determines the course of our lives – how?

- ⊙ Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks – Lk 6:45/Matt 12:34)
- ⊙ The tongue directs the course of ones life (Jam 3:5)
- ⊙ By your words you are justified or condemned (Matt 12:37)
- ⊙ You have what you say (Mk 11:23)
- ⊙ As a man thinks in his heart, so is he (Prov 23:7)
- ⊙ Wrong stuff in our hearts hinder us from receiving from God (Mk 11:23-25; Matt 6:15)
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5 **Antidote**

- ⊙ Guard your heart – Prov 4:23
- ⊙ The word – renews your mind, controls your emotion and shapes your will (Rom 12:1-2; Heb 4:12)
- ⊙ Quick to repent – access to forgiveness, mercy and grace (Heb 4:16)
- ⊙ A commitment to put off 'the old man' and put on 'the new man' – Eph 4:22-24
- ⊙ A commitment to walk in love - 1Cor 13
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