



Matters of the Heart

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- The mind is a processor
- The heart is a foundational center, **storage center**, information center

Matters of the heart: Authenticity

- Authenticity: the quality of being authentic; genuineness.
- Authentic: not false or copied; genuine; real

John 21:15-17 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

15 When they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these [others do—with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Feed My lambs. 16 Again He said to him the second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion, as one loves the Father]? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. He said to him, Shepherd (tend) My sheep. 17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me [with a deep, instinctive, personal affection for Me, as for a close friend]? Peter was grieved (was saddened and hurt) that He should ask him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You [that I have a deep, instinctive, personal affection for You, as for a close friend]. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep

- Location

Genesis 3:8-10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you? 10 He said, I heard the sound of You [walking] in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Matters of the heart: The Love of God

Romans 5:5 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.

1 John 4:7-8 New King James Version

Knowing God Through Love

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

John 3:16 New King James Version

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Matters of the heart: The Blessings of God

- Recognizing it (The Word of God is The Truth)
- Receiving it (The Word of God)
- Walking in it (The Word of God)

Galatians 3:13-14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

13 Christ purchased our freedom [redeeming us] from the curse (doom) of the Law [and its condemnation] by [Himself] becoming a curse for us, for it is written [in the Scriptures], Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified); 14 To the end that through [their receiving] Christ Jesus, the blessing [promised] to Abraham might come upon the Gentiles, so that we through faith might [all] receive [the realization of] the promise of the [Holy] Spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:19-21 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

18 As surely as God is trustworthy *and* faithful *and* means what He says, our speech *and* message to you have not been Yes [that might mean] No 19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who has been preached among you by us, by myself [Staff Pastor, Elder David & Sister Windy, and Pastor], was not Yes and No; but in Him it is [always the divine] Yes. 20 For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God. 21 But it is God Who confirms *and* makes us steadfast *and* establishes us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated *and* anointed us [enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit]

Matters of the heart: Zeal & Fire for God

- Righteousness
 - RIGHTEOUSNESS, *noun* ri'chusness: 1. Purity of heart and rectitude of life; conformity of heart and life to the divine law. righteousness as used in Scripture and theology, in which it is chiefly used, is nearly equivalent to holiness, comprehending holy principles and affections of heart, and conformity of life to the divine law. It includes all we call justice, honesty and virtue, with holy affections

Psalm 23:3 New King James Version

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of **righteousness** For His name's sake.

Matthew 5:6 New King James Version

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for **righteousness**, For they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:10 New King James Version

Blessed are those who are persecuted for **righteousness'** sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:33 New King James Version

But seek first the kingdom of God and His **righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Holiness
 - HO'LINESS, *noun* [from holy.] The state of being holy; purity or integrity of moral character; freedom from sin; sanctity. Applied to the Supreme Being, *holiness* denotes perfect purity or integrity of moral character, one of his essential attributes....

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8 New King James Version

7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects *this* does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:11 New King James Version

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

John 17:16-19 New King James Version

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

- Salt and Light

Matthew 5:13-16 New King James Version

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.