



Center of Life - Spiritual Heart

Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it (Proverbs 4:23)

As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart (Proverbs 27:19)

Biblical Anatomy of a Spiritual Heart - Content

- Feelings, emotions and beliefs (Mk 7:21-23; Jn 14:1, 16:6)
- Desires, motivations and passions (Mk 7:21-23)
- Thoughts, imaginations, motives & intentions (Mat 9:3-4)
- Reasoning and perception (Mk 2:6-8; Lk 3:15)
- Attitude and character (Col 3:22)
- The will (Eph 6:6)
- Law of God is written there (Rom 2:12-16)
- Holy Spirit is there if a person is saved (Rom 5:5; 2 Cor 1:21-22)

Biblical Anatomy of a Spiritual Heart - Operations

- Choices (Prov 3:5)
- Responses (Ps 119:11)
- Directing Action (Phil 4:7)

Biblical Anatomy of a Believers Spiritual Heart

- Location of saving faith (Rom 10:8-10)
- Conviction of sin and repentance ((Act 2:37; 1 Jn 3:18-21)
- Spiritual hearing (Mat 13:14-15)
- Spiritual vision (Mat 13:14-15)
- The Word of God is received in the heart (Mat 13:19)
- Origin of our words (Mat 12:34-35)

How Our Spiritual Heart Functions

- And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. (Romans 5:5) – Receiving
- Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters". (Colossians 3:23) – Processing
- I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11) – Storing
- For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved" (Romans 10:10) – Action

Spiritual Heart Disease

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? “I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve. (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

He (Jesus) went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him unclean. For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean” (Mark 7:20-23)

Physical Heart Disease Vs. Spiritual Heart Disease Truths

Physical Heart Attack/Disease Patient States to Doctor – “I don’t want to die!”

Doctor responds “you were already dead, my team and I brought you back.”

Spiritual Heart Attack/Disease Patient Approaches God Saying, I have died spiritually and I need you”

God responds “The wages of sin are death but my gift is eternal life (Rom 6:11)” and “Because of my great love and mercy for you, I am merciful and you will be made alive with my Son even when you were dead in your transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved” (Eph 2:4-5)

Physical Heart Disease Vs. Spiritual Heart Disease Truths

Physical Heart Attack/Disease Patient says "I should have taken better care of myself and promise to do better in the future."

Doctor and cardiac staff respond "sure," we will assist you however we can and hope that you are serious but the choice is yours.

Spiritual Heart Attack/Disease Patient states that although I still have a long way to go I confess my sins to you God, acknowledge that Jesus died for my sins and put my faith and trust in you.

God responds "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.(Ezekiel 36:26)

Thoughts For The Week

**God, create in me a pure heart, and
renew a steadfast spirit within me**

(Psalm 51:10)

**It is safe to tell the pure in heart that
they shall see God, for only the pure in
heart want to. C S Lewis**