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Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it *spring* the issues of life.

- Just as the heart is the most important member of our physical body, so it is the same towards leadership.
- The heart of every leader contains who they are; their character; their passion; their attitude; their motives and their nature.
- Most often the heart of an individual is noticed in their actions and in their words.
- There are more than 500 verses in the Bible that relate to our heart (inner character).

Heart = Treasure

Heart = Persons Nature & Character

-Matthew 6:21 (NKJV)

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-Matthew 6:21 (NLT)

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- One of the first questions we all need to ask is this....."*Where or who is my treasure?*"
 - *Where*: Defines my area of focus and work.
 - *Who*: Defines those individuals to whom I need to focus upon.
- When we understand and discover what is within our heart, only then we will be able to understand and discover what our treasure is.
- Our heart is like a compass that will lead us to our treasure.
- The condition of your heart will determine what treasure you will attract.
 - As the saying goes, "*You are what you eat.*" That is also the same concerning your heart; "*You only attract what your heart desires/wants*".
 - If your heart is pure, then your treasure (desire) will be pure, but if your heart is evil and wicked, then your rewards shall be painful.

The Condition Of Our Heart Will Determine The Path Of Our Life

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

“Your heart in leadership is like a magnet that will either attract people to you or will pull people away from you.” -Stan Belyshev

Positive and Negative Conditions of the Heart

“A Leader In The Making” -Book by Joyce Meyer

-Positive Conditions of the Heart-

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| 1. A Willing Heart (Ex 25:1-2) | 11. An Understanding Heart (Prov 2:1-5) |
| 2. A Stirred Heart (2Tim 1:6) | 12. A Purposed Heart (Is 14:26-27) |
| 3. A Wise Heart (Ex 28:3) <i>KJV</i> | 13. A Pondering Heart (Luke 2:19) |
| 4. A Perfect Heart (2 Chron 16:9) | 14. A Forgiving Heart (Matt 18:21-22) |
| 5. A Tender Heart (Eph 4:32) | 15. An Open Heart (Acts 16:14) |
| 6. A Faithful Heart (Heb 3:1-2) | 16. An Obedient Heart (Rom 6:17) |
| 7. A Fixed and Steadfast Heart (Ps 57:7) | 17. A Believing Heart (Heb 11:6) |
| 8. A Confident Heart (Ps 57:7) | 18. An Enlarged Heart (2Cor 6:11-12) |
| 9. A Merry Heart (Prov 17:22) | 19. A Pure Heart (Matt 5:8) <i>KJV</i> |
| 10. A New Heart (Ez 11:19) | 20. The Heart of the Father (1Cor 4:15) |

-Negative Conditions of the Heart-

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| 1. An Evil Heart (Gen 6:5-8) | 11. A Double Heart (1Chron 12:33) |
| 2. A Hard Heart (Heb 3:7-8) | 12. A Wounded Heart (Ps 109:22) |
| 3. A Wicked and Unbelieving Heart (Heb 3:12) | 13. A Faint Heart (Deut 20:1-4) |
| 4. A Deceived Heart (Deut 11:16-17) | 14. A Despiteful Heart (Prov 24:17-18) |
| 5. A Proud Heart (Ps 101:5) | 15. A Heavy or Troubled Heart (Prov 12:25) |
| 6. A Presumptuous Heart (Deut 17:12-13) | 16. A Reasoning Heart (Prov 3:5-6) <i>NKJV</i> |
| 7. A Hypocritical Heart (Rom 2:1) | 17. An Envious and Striving Heart (1Cor 3:3) |
| 8. A Despising Heart (Prov 5:12) | 18. A Greedy and Lustful Heart (Ps 106:12-15) |
| 9. An Offended, Bitter, Resentful and Unforgiving Heart (Prov 14:10) | 19. An Uncircumcised Heart (Acts 7:51) |
| 10. A Foolish Heart (Prov 15:7) | 20. A Condemned Heart (1John 3:20-22) |

“Leadership means discovering and serving yourself to the world. When you do this effectively, people will call you a leader. All true leaders are simply glorified servants. Genuine leadership is not measured by how many people serve you but by how many people you serve. The greater your service, the greater your value to others and the greater your leadership.” -Dr. Myles Munroe

Our Heavenly Father (God) Is Very Much Focused On Our Hearts

-Proverbs 11:20

The LORD detests(*hates*) people with crooked hearts, but he delights in those with integrity.

-Proverbs 17:3

Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the LORD tests the heart.

-Proverbs 21:2

People may be right in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their heart.

Our Heart Is The Doorway To What We Say And Do

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. *For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

- Our words will either become a compass and a road map for others or will become a road block and an exit.
- The fruits of our leadership will determine and show what is in our hearts.

Proverbs 27:19

As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person.

- People will choose to follow your heart, not your leadership capabilities.
- You win individuals hearts by helping them to grow personally.
- As leaders we first need to offer our heart before we can offer our hand (help).

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.” -Eleanor Roosevelt

The Pig vs Sheep Principle

- When they both get into dirt (*sin*), then the pig will swim in it with joy, while the sheep will cry out for help.
- As leaders, we need to always keep our hearts pure and clean and if we do sin, then we need to learn how to come before our Savior and ask Him for forgiveness.
- The pig's nature is to get dirty and to stay dirty.
- When was the last time you saw a sheep rolling around in a puddle of mud?
- The inner condition of my heart will determine my outward actions and behaviors.
- As a leader, am I easily pulled away to the dirty puddle of sin or does my heart thirst after the pure waters, which is the word of God?
- ❖ *It will take the power of God's word and the work of the Holy Spirit to continually change and transform our hearts into the true nature and character of our Lord.*

*“Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile, and a grateful **heart**.”*
–Zig Ziglar

*“Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meanings can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the **heart**.”* –Martin Luther King Jr

*“Do the things that interest you and do them with all your **heart**. Don't be concerned about whether people are watching you or criticizing you. The chances are that they aren't paying attention to you.”* –Eleanor Roosevelt

*“A good head and a good **heart** are always a formidable combination.”* –Nelson Mandela

*“A nation's culture resides in the **hearts** and in the soul of its people.”* –Gandhi

*“To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our **hearts** right.”* –Confucious

*“Let your **heart** feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone.”* –George Washington

*“One day we will learn that the **heart** can never be totally right when the head is totally wrong.”*
–Martin Luther King Jr

*“May God break my **heart** so completely that the whole world falls in.”* –Mother Teresa

Leadership Stanverb

THE LEADER - Says, “Here I’m Lord, send me.”

THE FOLLOWER - Says, “Here I’m Lord, but send my neighbor.”



Lesson #2 Application: Throughout the next week try to analyze your heart to determine what things attract you in your everyday life. Is your heart pulling you to the puddle or to the fresh water?

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