

THE VITALS OF A DISCIPLE

Isaiah 3:8–12

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: Because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, To provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; And they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: For they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: For the reward of his hands shall be given him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, And women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, And destroy the way of thy paths.

Proverbs 4:23

Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."

SERMON NOTES

Check Your Heart | Isaiah 3:8–12

1. The Heart is the Core Vital

The heart is the core of _____ physically and spiritually.

[Proverbs 4:23] "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

A. God Knows the Heart [1 Sam. 16:7] "...the LORD looketh on the heart."

See also [Psalm 139:1–4, Proverbs 21:2, Jeremiah 17:10]

God sees our _____, intentions, and motives.

2. The Heart Reveals True Spiritual Health

What's in the heart eventually shows up in the _____. [Lk. 6:45]

Isaiah points to two clear symptoms:

A. Words "Their tongues... are against the _____." (v.8)

If you want to know the condition of your spiritual heart, listen to your words that come out of your mouth Monday – Saturday.

What comes out your _____ is evidence of the Spirit's work. [Pro. 15:4, Ja. 1:26, 3:2, 8]

B. Actions "Their doings are against the _____." (v.8)

A pattern of open _____ great indicator of spiritual heart disease. (v.9)

[Is 5:20] "Woe to those who call evil _____ and good _____..."

Moral decline is not _____, it's a precursor to its demise.

3. The Cure for a Sick Heart [Is 3:10]

A. Repentance

Acknowledging and turning from sin to God.

B. Faith in God's Provision

Righteousness is _____ through faith in Christ.

[Rom. 4:23–25] God deposits His _____ into your account.

God doesn't do bypass _____, He does heart _____. [Ez. 36:26]

Key Takeaway: The spiritual heart determines the flow of life. **Guard it, diagnose it, and let God transform it.**