

# Heart Trouble?

Introduction. This last week we have seen the brutal killing of a black man and the protest with looting, rioting, lawlessness. Why is this happening? To answer we have to notice there is a difference in symptoms and the actual disease. Symptoms- George Floyd death, Vietnam War, race relations. But we have to address the cause which deals with the Bible heart.

## I) Various Passages Dealing with the Heart

### A) What we do is determined by our \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 12:34- 35 "

1. Have you ever asked somebody why they did something and they respond with "I don't know."
2. The words we speak comes from the \_\_\_\_\_; our actions come from the \_\_\_\_\_

### B) What we do can cause us to be \_\_\_\_\_, Matthew 15:17-19 "

1. We tend to look at the individual sin (crime) without looking at the heart.
2. How many times does someone say, "Well they have a good heart."

### C) Therefore we need to pay attention to \_\_\_\_\_, Proverbs 4:23 - 27

1. Verse 23 plainly speaks of the importance of our heart.
2. The next verses is the application of being diligent in keeping out hearts pure.

## II) Heart Trouble

### A) The way we think and how we think about things.

1. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ way of thinking and a \_\_\_\_\_ way of thinking.
2. The Pharisees had a dirty heart. Matthew 23:27 - 28

### B) \_\_\_\_\_ sinful things

1. What we want can be wrong. Covetousness – which is idolatry.
2. When we out of "righteous indignation" and seek revenge. Leviticus 19:18, Hebrews 10:30

### C) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ can be wrong

1. We tend to think the way we feel is just the way we feel.
2. Feelings can be wrong such as bitterness, anger, prejudice, etc. Romans 1:31-32

## III) How To Solve Heart Trouble

### A) Obviously we must start with the \_\_\_\_\_ and not just the symptoms. Matthew 23:25 - 26.

1. Have to purify the \_\_\_\_\_ and not just the outside.

### B) Change the way one \_\_\_\_\_ Colossians 3:2.

1. This is an unnatural way of thinking because it means to seek to please God first.
2. Examples of this way of thinking-- \_\_\_\_\_ - Matthew 5:43- 46

### C) Change what we \_\_\_\_\_ and make it more about what God wants.

1. This begs the obvious question, what does God want? James 4:4, 8
2. Instead of "what can I get by with" it is "how close can I get to being godly."
3. Us to be " \_\_\_\_\_ " 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 1 Peter 4:19

### D) Change the way we " \_\_\_\_\_ " Psalms 1:2, Psalms 119:50, Matthew 19:19

Conclusion: Heart trouble can hide itself for a while and then show up. It can be deadly. In order to prevent it we must practice "sound doctrine" on a daily basis.