

From the Shepherd's Heart

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”
Psalm 19:14

Men measure virtue by what is seen on the outside of a person. God measures virtue by what He sees on the inside of a person. Too many people practice religion with a bitter attitude and a corrupt mouth.

Have you ever said to someone, “Tell me what is on your heart?” That request could be because we expect something beautiful is being thought. We ask that of a grandmother holding her grandchild for the first time. We ask that of a person that just received a “good report” from a medical test. Even a faint smile on the face of someone staring into space can draw such a question.

But we can ask the same question because something negative is being thought. A frown can cause a check to see if a negative thought exists. The same is a good question to someone who is angry and potentially violent. A normally verbal person who now is quiet, needs such a question asked.

In every situation we expect a person to express what is on their heart. Usually, the response will clearly reflect the heart of the speaker.

God sees both our thoughts and actions as an expression of our focus on Him. Worldly, selfish thoughts reveal that God is not the focus. With the world as the focus, ungodly thoughts develop. Positive spiritual celebrations about the Lord reveal God is our focus.

What we think is revealed in what we say. Our mouth works from the overflow of our focus and thoughts. To control our speech, we must control our thoughts.

God considers both thoughts and speech as a sacrifice to Him. Each day should be lived in a constant state of appreciation and notice that the Lord is with us. Instead of living for self, followers of Jesus should live for Him.

All have seen conversations change when the right people enter the room. Try living today with the awareness that someone who not only listens to our conversation, but reads our minds, is with us. He is the Lord!

Keep the Lord on your mind and your language will automatically improve.

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