Heart Problems

Ken Chapman · Luke 6:43–45

INTRODUCTION

- It's not really the symptoms that are the greater issue, it's the underlying disease.
- 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.
- Sometimes we may be simply addressing the symptoms rather than truly recognizing that these are simply fruit.

1 Irregular Attendance

1 Peter 1:22–23; Psalm 84:1–10

- We worship God. Not three separate times on Sunday morning, but I like to look at it as we worship God for three hours on Sunday morning.
- Is that the issue, or could this possibly just be a symptom? And possibly a very serious symptom.
- Love one another fervently with a pure heart. Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.
- We understand the hypocrisy, the inconsistency of someone saying, I love you, but I don't want to see you.
- Sincere, fervent, pure from the soul love of the brethren means I want to be with you.
- For a day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

2 The Way in Which We Clothe Ourselves

1 Peter 3:3–4

- Both of those texts are actually addressing the heart.
- Jesus said the mouth speaks. Paul and Peter will say, out of the abundance of the heart, the body is adorned.
- Rather, let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.
- You start with the heart. You properly address, dress and adorn the heart. And the outside will take care of itself.

3 Our Prayer Life

Philippians 4:6

- Are you praying often? And are you truly communicating?
- Prayer is an expression of faith because prayer implies that someone is not only listening, but wants to hear my prayers and can answer those prayers.

- Be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God.
- If prayer is an expression of faith, what does a lack of prayer indicate?

4 Proper Bible Study

Hebrews 1:1–2

- When I'm talking about Bible study, I'm talking about two avenues.
- Number one is you in the privacy of your home opening up your Bible or opening up your app and reading and studying and meditating on the Word of God.
- But I'm also talking about coming together on a Wednesday night or a Sunday morning so that we can study together to sharpen one another and to edify and encourage one another.
- God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by his son.
- It should never cease to amaze us that God has spoken to us.
- I spoke to you through my son. Did you read? Did you study?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Be honest. Not with me, but with yourself and with God. Take an honest inventory of your spiritual life.**

MY NOTES