

# **Where Is Your Heart?**

**Matthew 6:21**

# The Impact of a Father

- **Love:** Love your wife as Christ loved the church. (Ephesians 5:25-30)
- **Lead:** Head of the household (Ephesians 5:23)
- **Raise:** Raise your children with admiration and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4)
- **Provide:** Provide for the family (1 Timothy 5:8)
- **Church Responsibility:** Oversee and serve the church (1 Timothy 3)

## **In All That You Do, Where is Your Heart?**

- For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be (Matthew 6:19-24)
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God (Matthew 5:8)
- Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Romans 12:1-2)

# In the Home

- Deuteronomy 6:7, Teach our children and use every possible moment to do so
- Repetition and continually renewing of our minds allows habits and thoughts to remain. By example and practice
- They are to love him, fear him, serve and worship him. Raise them to do these things (Ephesians 6:4)
- Your heart will guide how you manage your household and where your priorities are. Small pleasures become life changing habits

# **In the World**

- Do not love the world (1 John 2:15-17)
- Your example as a father sets the standard for our families
  - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:16)
- Evil company corrupts good habits (1 Corinthians 15:33)

## **What We Enjoy on Earth**

- Is your heart serving another master?
- Do not love and place anything of the world in your heart before the Lord

# **Career and Material Things**

- Does your career and the material things in life rule your heart?
- Matthew 6:25-34
- Money and ambition can take over our heart and blind us to the important things in life
- Look at your children and the precious time we have on earth and what is really the most important thing to do with our limited time

# Conclusion

- Deuteronomy 6:5 "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."
  - Jesus also says this is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:36)
- Do you bear good fruit from your heart? (Luke 6:43-45)
- We are what our hearts are. Put aside the pressures of the world for what men are supposed to be based on society
- Is Christ written on your heart? (II Corinthians 3:2-3)