

Heart Attack

By Dan Jenkins

When the Lord said, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life” (Prov. 4:23), He obviously is not talking about that large muscle in our chests. The Bible uses the word “heart” over 800 times and almost always, if not actually always, refers to that inner part of our being. When the Lord discussed the greatest commandment, He spoke of loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. That inner part of us is our soul.

What does it mean to keep your heart with all diligence? Our time and energy is limited and priority must be given to those things which are truly important. When the Lord described the attention which must be given to the heart, He used the word “all.” There is nothing more important than to devote ourselves and our time and energy to caring for our heart. Satan understands this and works to cause a severe “heart attack.”

Look at some of the words used to describe how we are to keep our heart. We are to *love* the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 6:5). We are to *seek* the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 4:29). We are to *serve* the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 10:12). We are to *obey* the Lord with all of our heart (Deut. 30:2). We are to *trust* the Lord with all our heart (Prov. 3:5). We are to *turn* to the Lord with all our heart (Deut. 30:10). Consider carefully the words mentioned above—love, seek, serve, obey, trust and turn. What could be more important than these words!

Think about it for a moment. If you were Satan, how would you attack the heart of Christians? It would not be a full-frontal attack using temptations he might openly use against the most worldly individuals. Is it not reasonable to see him getting the righteous to modify the level of their dedication? Would he not seek to weaken the love, the seeking, the serving, the obeying, the trusting and the turning to God? Would he not do this while at the same time deceiving us so we can hardly see the changes? In reality, it is a full-frontal attack, and we are not even aware of it. This is why the Bible speaks of the deceitfulness of sin.

Sometimes we measure our heart conditions by looking in the wrong places. Jesus described how the people in the first century focused on the external. “This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me” (Mark 7:6). These same words seem to describe our own day. Can we not see the danger in the way he attacks us? Satan attacks our hearts in this same way, and he wins if we are deceived by him. Think about the list of words mentioned above, just make sure that you are not close to a heart attack.

Please call or email John (jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com) with any prayer requests or announcements you have for the congregation.

Things you should know about...

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. Our last contribution was \$1,050.00. If you want to contribute, mark it as “DRF” or give the money to Jason. The next donation will be sent after the end of March.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonathan Rohr 3/12	Carter Buckingham 4/1
Josiah Rohr 3/12	Daniel Hittle 4/2
Brennan Arrell 3/19	Judah Gasper 4/7
Doug Seiber 3/26	Waylon Wilson 4/9

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Wednesday, March 15th @ 5:30pm
Soup & Sandwich Supper before Bible Study

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Ladies! Let's have lunch and fellowship on March 18th @ 11:30am
We will meet at the Montage Cafe in downtown Greenville

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Family & Friends Day April 2nd

Speaker: Dr. Richard Melson, from the Needmore Church of Christ
Invite your family and friends to enjoy the teachings on The Family of God.

We will also have our potluck and our annual egg hunt after AM services.
If you would like to donate items (such as Candy/small toys/bubbles/books) for the egg hunt, please bring them by March 26th.

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Serving AM & PM today and next Sunday AM:

Sunday Rotation	March 12, 2023 AM	March 12, 2023 PM	March 19, 2023 AM
Greeter	Jerry Thompson	Jason Bang	Dustin Desarro
Announcements	Tim Bang	Duane Kemp	Tom Muter
Song Leading	Duane Kemp	Owen Whittington	Owen Whittington
Opening Prayer/Usher Left	Tim Bang	Brennan Arrell	Tim Bang
Lord's Supper Comments	Tom Muter	Tim Bang	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Owen Whittington	Rick Ferris	Chris McGiffin
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher Right	Seth Arrell	Chris McGiffin	Jason Bang

This week's Bible Verse

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” Revelation 22:12



Lord's Supper Reflection

So That There Might Be No Condemnation For Those Who Are In Him
 “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us..” Rom 8:1, 34

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God is in Proportion to What you Make
 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.” Deuteronomy 16:16-17



Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - Parkinson's
- *Orville Thompson (Jerry Thompson's dad) - health
- *Sally Westover (Carrie Thompson's mom) - health
- *Maxine Jones (Laura McGiffin's mom) - having issues with her vision
- *Debby Braefield (Alena Brown's Aunt) - health
- *Caroline Stine - upcoming tests
- *Phil Garber (friend of Tim Bang) - recovering from heart valve replacement surgery
- *Josiah (Alena Brown's brother) - has heart issues
- *Michelle Gasper's friend is grieving the sudden loss of her 4 mo old
- *Chelsea Duebner (friend of Stephanie Bang) - is pregnant and the baby has an enlarged liver

- *John Rush (Marjorie Seiber's son-in-law) - has tremors and is having surgery for them
- *Doug Hoff - recovering from a recent procedure
- *Nellie Hoff - recovering from a fall, has an appt with a neurologist
- *Tim Petty (friend of Duane Kemp) - having Bible studies with Duane & dealing with complications of diabetes

How can we be praying for YOU?



Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, March 5		Wednesday, March 8	
Bible Classes	34	Bible Classes	24
AM Attendance	40		
PM Attendance	24	Contribution	\$1,934.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



March 12, 2023

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
 If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor's card and let us get to know you.