

Idols of the Heart

Learning to Long for God Alone

Lesson #6: “Knowing Your Heart”

□ Read Chapter Six and answer the following questions from pages 90-106.

Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

1. “Rahab _____ of God’s conquering _____ because He had already _____ her mind, _____ her heart and _____ faith in her.”
2. According to the Bible what are the three main functions of the heart?
3. What does the Bible mean when referencing “the mind”?
4. What is the biblical understanding of “affections”?
5. What is the biblical meaning of the “will”?
6. “Your mind _____ inform your affections of the _____ of your highest _____: your affections _____ it, _____ you to _____ for it, and _____ the impetus needed to _____ your will to choose.”
7. Why can we NOT know, desire and choose God as our greatest goal for our lives?

8. What is the heart disease that we humans now have?
9. Why are we to strive against idolatry though our hearts are so deceitful?
10. “It is in this _____ that we will _____ to trust Him and to _____ ourselves, to _____ sin and _____ holiness, to _____ humility, and to _____ for heaven.”
11. How does God reveal to us the thoughts and intentions of our heart?
12. Why has God given us His Word?
13. Why do we need not worry about our ultimate safety?

Quote: “Self-knowledge is the first step toward the knowledge of God. We must see ‘our own ignorance, vanity, poverty, infirmity, and what is more depravity and corruption,’ before we can ‘recognize that the true light of wisdom, sound virtue, full abundance or every good, and purity of righteousness rest in the Lord alone. To this extent we are prompted by our own ills to contemplate the good things of God, and we can not seriously aspire to Him before we begin to become displeased with ourselves.” **John Calvin**