

What Does Your Heart Say 8/18/2024

Follow Your Heart makes sense:

- 1) Our desires and feelings are real and important
- 2) We often have good natural instincts
- 3) We've had some bad experiences by not following our heart
- 4) Seems somewhat spiritual

Follow Your Heart falls short

- 1) Our hearts change
- 2) Times when intuition was wrong
- 3) Often leads to selfishness
- 4) Heart is an unreliable leader

45 The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. Luke 6:45

What the Bible says about our heart without God:

5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. Genesis 6:5

21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." Mark 7:21-23

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. John 3:19

What the Bible says about our hearts with God:

33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. Ezekiel 36:25

17 But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. Romans 6:17-18

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

A Better View of Our Heart:

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. Proverbs 3:5-8

1) Develop your prayer life

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

2) Seek wisdom, not confirmation

7 Be not wise in your own eyes;

3) Be aware of God

... fear the Lord,

4) Turn away from evil and sin - repent

... and turn away from evil.

The result:

8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.