

Grace Bible Church
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Guarding Your Heart

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

What are two spiritual artery cloggers?

1. Your _____ will cause a heart attack.

⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

"God opposes the proud
but shows favor (grace) to the humble."¹

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 1 Peter 5:5-6

Jonathan Edwards *The best protection one can have from the devil and his schemes is a humble heart-*

How does Jesus describe Himself?

Mathew 11:29

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

2. Blaming God For Your _____ will cause heart problems.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

**⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.**

**⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28 (NIV)

GOD’S _____ NEEDS TO BE CLAIMED.

GOD’S PLAN IS _____

“Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.” 1 Corinthians 13:12, NIV.

Someone defined faith as seeing life from God’s point of view

Deuteronomy 8:2 NIV

Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.

- 1. Of the characteristics listed for younger men in 1 Peter which do you appreciate the most? Why?**
- 2. What stops you from following the statement “Above All Else”.**
- 3. Is your Christian walk characterized by humility?**

- 4. Look up 1 John 2:15-17. Of the three areas of temptation listed which is the most difficult for you to conquer?**
- 5. Since you became a Christian has the tug of the world been stronger or fainter? How? Why?**
- 6. What are the things that have caused you difficulty that you have no control over?**
- 7. What confidence can Christians have about the events in their lives? Why?**