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Close to Havig a Heart Attack ***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.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett,
Jerry Butcher

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Glenn Lovell,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard, Kyle Bess
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Archie Hardy,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - I Am Ready - Part 2
Romans 1:15 - Acts 21:13

PM - FHU Student Series
Ian Shoemate

Happenings

South Jackson

October 25-28
Gospel Meeting with
Bruce Hatcher

October 31
Ladies Retreat
Pinson Mounds
See bulletin board for
more information

Cards to Send

Nadine McDonald
82 Will McKnight Drive
Room 07
Jackson, TN 38301

Betty Mosely
52 Auburndale Cove
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	50/15
AM Worship	84/94
PM Worship	46/0
Wed Bible Study	47/8
Contribution	3358
Budget	3600

New Address

Mary Bolen
C/O Janeil Day
29 Maryland Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 4 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Van McConnell
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Eddie Anderson
Communion: Jeff Dove
Contribution:
Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Jeff Dove
Sermon: Ian Shoemate
Closing Prayer: Ronald Close
Communion: Ray Pack

Oct 7 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Devo - Marion Thomas

Oct 11 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Ronald Clouse

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Mike Wages
Sermon: Parker Cotts
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Greg Long

Oct 14 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Devo - Mike Wages

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	4:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM