Reflections of the Heart
Proverbs 27:19; 28:26; 14:33; 28:14

Sermon Outline

A. The Heart Describes a Person (Proverbs 27:19; 28:14):

1. The water is like a mirror. When a person peers into it, a reflection of their face is on the water.
2. The heart controls the will of a person because in it resides wisdom and understanding.
3. What a person thinks or feels is reflected in the heart rate, which stimulates emotions that can determine how the person responds. The heart is viewed as the place where wisdom, understanding and the will of the person resides.
4. The heart, because it can totally influence the will of a person, is representative of the nature of the person.
5. A person can experience complete happiness (enjoy well-being and contentment) when they fear always.
6. A person, who lives in fear of sinning, lives in complete happiness and enjoys great feelings of contentment.
7. A “harden heart” is a person whose way of thinking and feeling is rebellious against the will of God.
8. A person who is stubborn lives with no desire to please God and becomes engulfed by the sin nature where they live with a very negative attitude towards God.
9. **Summary:**
   a) The heart is the mirror to the soul.
   b) Because the heart is the seat of all the person emotions (the heart rate increases or decreases based on how the person feels) it can control their decisions and therefore determine the will of the person.
   c) The person can therefore:
      - Blessed because they are fearful of sinning (Philippians 2:12).
      - Have a harden heart and therefore become controlled by the nature of sin and rebel against God having no desire to please God (Romans 6:23).

B. A Heart of Wisdom Blesses (Proverbs 14:33; 28:26):

1. Wisdom – This is when knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:1-5) provides the ability to judge correctly leading to a sincere reverence of God (Proverbs 1:7; 10:9).
2. Wisdom is at home (cease from working) when it can overcome all of a person’s emotions while directing them to judge correctly as they reverence God.
3. A person of understanding can distinguish between good and evil because they make it a habit to practice the word of God (Hebrews 5:14).
4. When the inner parts of a person (the center of a person) disperses knowledge, rejects instruction and is rebellious against the principles of God they display the heart of a fool.
5. A fool lacks the sensitivity of knowing how to distinguish good from evil so they in turn back bad decisions.
6. A person who trusts in his own heart believes that what they are feeling is going to take place and they put full confidence in it. This is like a person who is gambling and feels good about their numbers.
7. The person who trust in their feelings lacks knowledge, understanding, good judgment and they instruction.

a) In the Book of Proverbs there are five things that describes who is a fool:

- Rejects knowledge (Proverbs. 13:16; 23:9).
- Hates discipline (Prov. 15:5,14; 17:10).
- Squanders money (Proverbs 17:6).
- Is quick to quarrel (Proverbs 20:3).
- A foolish person must not be honored (Proverbs 26:15).

8. A person who walks wise, lives under the influence of the Holy Spirit because they reverence God being guided by His Word as they make daily decisions.
9. God causes the person who walks wisely to escape affliction and even death.