

Teaching to Reach the Heart.

1. The Human heart: A Definition.

2. An Overview of the Heart in Scripture.

a. It is the control centre of life.

1 Sam. 16:7

Pr. 4:23.

Mt. 5:8.

Deut. 6:6.

b. It is fallen.

Pr. 22:15a.

Mk. 7:21.

Lk. 6:45.

Ps. 58:3 + 51:3.

Ezek. 11:19

Deut.10:16; Jer. 9:26; Ezek. 44:7.

Mt.15: 1-9.

"A change in behaviour that does not stem from a change in heart is not commendable; it is condemnable." Tedd Tripp.

c. We must appeal to the Heart.

Ezek. 18:31

Jer. 31:33

1. Scripture appeals to the heart.

Pr. 23:17.

Pr. 23:19.

Pr. 23:26.

Heb. 4:12.

2. Scripture appeals to the conscience.

Rom. 2:15 + Heb. 10:22.

- A Model from Asaph. Ps. 78.
- A Model from Jesus. Mt. 21:28-46.

Heb. 4:12

Pr. 20:5

3. Two Worldly Mistakes.

Mistake 1: Christian Behaviourism.

Mistake 2: Christian Determinism.

The Crucial Danger.

4. Our battleground.

Q. What was the genius of Pharisaism?

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5. Summary.

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6. And when they Fall?

Heb. 6:1-9.

Gal. 6:1-5.

7. Common Questions.

- Isn't this too negative?
- Are rules bad?
- How do you really get to the heart through teaching?

8. Key Questions for the Children's Worker.

1. What are the subtle ways you are tempted to teach children to function in a pharisaical way?
2. Do your children see themselves as sinners because of what they do or because of what they are?
3. How do you appeal to the conscience in your teaching?
4. How would a child in your group feel if they sinned? Hopeless? Unable to own up to it? Uncaring?
5. Are you presenting your children with a big view of God, so that they recognise that only in Him will their hearts find joy and rest?
6. Remember you help shape the children in your group. What drives you in the work? What do you fear, love, feel anxious about?
7. Are the unspoken & spoken rules of your children's work consistent with true godliness -living for the glory of God?
8. How do you define success? How would your children complete this sentence? 'What my leaders want for me is....?'

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