

A Wise Heart

Scripture Text: Col. 3:23

When thinking about hearts, there are two we should be concerned about.

1. Our physical heart that pumps blood through our bodies – uniquely designed by God to do so many things (along with the entire human body)
2. Biblically speaking, the heart refers to the mind.

Heartily is defined as “in a hearty manner; very, to a great degree.” It ends in -ly, therefore it is an adverb.

One of the ways we can, in reference to Col. 3:23, put the “heart” in “heartily” is to study the wise heart.

1. Wise Heart Defined

a. Exodus 28:3

- i. Background: garments of the high priest, v. 1-5
- ii. “Wise-hearted”
 1. “Wise” – Hebrew chakam (khaw-kawn)
 2. Wise, cunning, intelligent, skillful, artful
 3. Occurs 142 times in scripture
- iii. Spirit of Wisdom
 1. II Timothy 1:6-7
 - a. Nothing to be afraid of
 - b. Matthew 10:28
 - c. Romans 8:31
 2. We do have
 - a. Spirit of Power – Phil. 4:13
 - b. Spirit of Love – John 3:16; 15:13
 - c. Spirit of Sound Mind (We Can Know) – Jn. 8:32; 20:31
 3. Couple a spirit of wisdom with power, love, and a sound mind and you’ll have a complete picture

b. Exodus 35:35

- i. Background: construction of the Tabernacle
- ii. “Wisdom”
 1. Wisdom – Hebrew chokmah (khok-maw’)
 2. Wisdom in a good sense, skillful, wisely, wit
 3. Occurs 148 times in scripture
- iii. Wisdom of Heart
 1. They were given the ability to think, reason, work – be productive for the work of the Lord
 2. We have differing abilities – we need to use them!
 3. Eph. 4:11

- c. Proverbs 2:10-17
 - i. Background: Nuggets of wisdom from Solomon to his son
 - ii. Wisdom – same word as in Ex. 35:35
 - iii. Translated as “wisdom” 49 times alone
- 2. Relationship of Heart and Mind
 - a. Working Together (Positively)
 - i. Proverbs 23:7 – thinketh so is he
 - ii. Gal. 6:7-8 – sow and reap
 - b. Working Against (Negatively)
 - i. I Corinthians 10:12
 - ii. Gal. 6:7-8
 - c. Examples:
 - i. “Heart Over Mind”
 - 1. I love you so much that I can't leave you
Even though my mind tells me I should
But then you make me think that you still love me
And all my thoughts of leavin' do no good
 - 2. You've got me, heart over mind, worried all the time
Knowin' you will always be the same
You'll keep hurting me I know but I still can't let you go
'Cause my heart won't let my love for you change
 - 3. Friends tell me they see you out with others
And in my heart I try hard to forget
But then you come home and tell me, you still love me
I still hope there's some chance for us yet
 - 4. You've got me, heart over mind, worried all the time
And knowin' you will always be the same
You'll keep hurting me I know but I still can't let you go
'Cause my heart won't let my love for you change
 - ii. Gasoline – put in good
- 3. How to Develop a Wise Heart
 - a. Ask
 - i. Matthew 7:7-8
 - ii. I Kings 3:5-15 – Solomon
 - iii. Don't be afraid to ask, just don't ask amiss (James 4:3)
 - b. Imitate good examples – Romans 15:4
 - i. Joshua at Jericho – knew it was wise to follow God's commands exactly, ch. 6
 - ii. Noah did likewise – Gen. 6:8
 - iii. Abraham – Gen. 11 & 12
 - iv. Samuel – “Here am I” – I Sam. 3:1-10
 - v. Isaiah – “Here am I” – Isa. 6:5-8
 - vi. Andrew bringing Peter and the lad to Christ – John 1:39-42; 6:8-9; 12:20-22
 - vii. I Corinthians 10 – follow good examples

- c. Continuing to work on it
 - i. I Cor. 11:1
 - ii. I John 1:7ff

A wise heart was required of Aaron as he was about to serve before God and the People.

A wise heart can be achieved if we have a desire to seek it out.

Develop a wise heart today to be pleasing to God.