

# THE LORD LOOKS ON THE HEART!

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It will always be the posture of the heart! This is a familiar line that preachers and teachers use to remind us about the state of our hearts. But what is it about the heart that it is of great importance for it to be in the right state? What is it about the heart that the LORD himself inspects and looks at?

First of all, the heart is a part of our body whose purpose is to pump blood that the whole body needs to sustain life. Without the heart, which should be in the right state and shape, we cannot sustain life satisfactorily. In the Bible, the heart is considered the seat of life or strength. It is the core of one's being because it connects the mind, soul, spirit or one's entire emotional nature and understanding. As such, the wise man in Proverbs says that it is the wellspring of life. True enough, because in that train of thought it is the seat of the mind, soul, and spirit! As such he exhorts his people to guard it. Solomon, a warrior king himself understands what to "guard" means. He exhorts his people to put a "sentry" around it. A sentry is an infrastructure that is made to prevent intrusions, invasions, and infiltrations of the enemy! Yes, Solomon exhorts them to do such because he, too, understands the importance of

it. From his writings, he said, it is the wellspring, the place where all of life begins. It is the place where life is truly lived.

As we know and see the value of guarding our hearts against the infiltration of sin, it is such a wonderful thing to know and remember that the LORD looks at and examines the state of our hearts!

*But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."*

This was the LORD's word to Samuel as he was given the privilege to search for and anoint David as king. The LORD reminded Samuel not to look at the appearance and physical features but reminded him that the choice of the LORD is based upon the state of his heart!

As we come daily to the presence of God, the Lord sees and knows the state of our being. And His design and desire is that His children would be like Jesus! Yes, the goal of our Christian life is to be like Jesus. In the process of becoming like Him, we need to

submit to the LORD our lives, and our hearts so that we might be CAPTIVATED by His love but to live a life of CONSECRATION by His Spirit every day.

This, in essence, is Women's Crossroad Weekend 2023. Please remember all the ladies who have signed up by faith to come and experience the working of God in our own individual lives. We implore your prayers for everyone who is involved - our music and small group leaders, our speakers, and testimony - givers- that our hearts will always be right in God for His glory alone!

It will always be about the HEART.✱





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