

THE EXERCISE OF THE HEART AND THE SPIRIT IN GOD'S ECONOMY

Dealing with the Heart and the Spirit

- I. To contact the Lord is a matter of the spirit, but this must be initiated and maintained by the heart, which is the gateway to our whole being:**
 - A. The heart is both the entrance and exit of our being—whatever enters must enter through the heart and whatever exits must proceed through the heart.
 - B. The heart is the controlling organ.
 - C. The love of the Lord is the best way to unlock the door of the heart—S. S. 1:2; John 21:15-17.
- II. Dealing with the heart:**
 - A. Our psychological heart has three main arteries; these arteries, which are also the three parts of the soul, are the mind, the will, and the emotion; the way to unclog the three main arteries of our psychological heart is to make a thorough confession to the Lord.
 - B. We may begin by confessing all the sinfulness and uncleanness that is in our mind, in our thinking; by confessing our thoughts one by one, we shall remove the blockage from this artery.
 - C. If we go to the Lord concerning our will, He will expose it in a thorough and detailed way; we shall realize that we are very rebellious, that we do not know what it means to be submissive to the Lord; one by one, we need to confess the germs of rebellion in our will.
 - D. The artery of the emotion also needs to be unclogged; when we realize how serious is the problem we have with our emotion, we may be deeply sorrowful; we shall realize that in many cases we hate what we should love, and love what we should hate.
 - E. If we would deal with our heart in such a way, our whole being will be opened to the Lord, because the gateway is open.
- III. Dealing with the conscience:**
 - A. If we are pure and single in our heart, the function of the conscience will immediately be very keen and alert.
 - B. In order to know the difference between the soul and the spirit, we need a keen conscience.
 - C. Our conscience can only be made right by confession and by applying the sprinkling, the cleansing of the Lord's blood—Heb. 9:14.
 - D. A pure conscience is also a good conscience—1 Tim. 1:5, 19; 1 Pet. 3:16, 21.
- IV. Dealing with the fellowship:**
 - A. Following the dealing with the conscience, the faculty of fellowship in our spirit is dealt with in 1 John 1:1-7.
 - B. When the conscience is offended, it becomes a barrier and damages our fellowship with the Lord—Psa. 66:18; Isa. 59:1-2.
 - C. Strictly speaking, our fellowship is dependent upon our dealing with the conscience.
 - D. Fellowship will be maintained if there is nothing wrong in our conscience.
- V. Dealing with the intuition:**
 - A. As the fellowship follows the conscience, so the intuition follows the fellowship.
 - B. If we are wrong in the conscience, the fellowship is broken, and when the fellowship is broken, the intuition does not function.
 - C. The function of the intuition is to sense the will of God directly.
 - D. The anointing is the working of the Holy Spirit within our spirit giving us a direct sense from God—1 John 2:27:
 1. Through the intuition within our spirit we have an inner knowledge, not a mental understanding.
 2. Through the intuition within our spirit, we have an inner knowledge, sensing something of God.
 3. But we still need the mind to understand what we sense in the spirit.

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4. Our enlightened and renewed mind interprets what we sense in the intuition of our spirit.

VI. Through the exercise of the above dealings we obtain a proper heart, a transparent and pure conscience, which gives us a perfect fellowship with the Lord, resulting in the function of the intuition.