Determining factor

Prov. 4:23

4:23 ¶ Со всем усердием **храни сердце твое**; ибо из него источники жизни.

The determining factor

The heart is like a reservoir –

I. Keep your heart full of faith. резервуар; водохранилище

Faith is not intellect, man’s reason, education, philosophy, etc.

You can change the pipes: ears, eyes, etc. but the heart is where it all starts.

The will is like the

Now will is like the great engine which forces the water out of the fountain-head along the pipes

**I. KEEP THE HEART FULL** (Eph. 5:18)

**ILL.** An empty fountain will have empty pipes.

резервуар; водохранилище

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**ILL.** Dry hearts; not full of joy, etc.

They never accomplish anything,

They have no moral power. They have no manly strength, no power at all.

Heart is power.

**ILL.** Stephen was a man full of faith (Acts 6:5, 8).

**ILL.** Martin Luther, etc.

“I am weary of my work in preaching; I have little success; I find it a hard toil.”

The answer to that question is, “Your heart is not full of it, for if you loved preaching you would breathe preaching, feed upon preaching, and find a compulsion upon you to follow preaching; and your heart being full of the thing, you would be happy in the employment.

Key – the boredom, and no heart in the work –

Psalm 87:7 Как поющие, так и играющие на инструментах будут там: **все источники мои в тебе.**

Be bathed in love and gratitude

**ILL.** If thou goest out with thy Master to the hill of Olivet, and dost with him look down upon a wicked Jerusalem and weep over it with him, then will thy heart be full of love for never-dying souls.

he who lives with little prayer—

he who seldom reads the Word—

he who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence from on high—he will be the man whose heart will become dry and barren;

but he who calls in secret on his God—

who spends much time in holy retirement—

who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High—

whose soul is given up to Christ—who delights in his fullness,

rejoices in his all-sufficiency,

prays for his second coming,

and delights in the thought of his glorious advent—such a man, I say, must have an overflowing heart;

**ILL.** **Enox** walked with God.

The determining factor was a right heart although he lived in a wicked world, wicked system when almost EVERYBODY WAS AGAINST GOD and the REVELATION GIVEN TO THEM.

5:22 И **ходил Енох с Богом** после того, как он породил Мефуселаха, триста лет, и породил сынов и дочерей:

5:24 **И ходил Енох с Богом: и не стало его; ибо Бог взял его.**

**II. KEEP YOUR HEART PURE**

**ILL.** large eels having crept down the pipe, and sometimes creatures a little more loathsome.

Exod. 15:23-25

**ILL.** People that are thirsty but cannot drink bitter waters.

*APPLICATION:* The tree is a type of the cross. Jesus makes bitter things sweet.

Take that tree, put it into your heart, and though it were even more impure than it is, that sweet cross, applied by the Holy Spirit, would soon transform it into its own nature and make it pure. Christ Jesus in the heart is the sweet purification.

**ILL.** “nit-picking” that is, constantly criticizing.

Conversations by “nit-pickers” quickly begin with criticism.

**ILL.** Mother Whore – the Catholic Church’s approach

The power of God does not come by giving somebody money (Acts 8:18-21).

Не имеешь ты в этом деле ни части, ни жребия: ибо сердце твое не право пред Богом.

**ILL.** unholy (2 Tim. 3:1-3)

Prov. 30:12 Есть род, который чист в собственных глазах своих, а от грязноты своей не омыт.

Cf. Phil. 4:6-8 - is the remedy of keeping the heart peaceful.

1:5 Цель же заповеди есть любовь **от чистого сердца**, и доброй совести, и веры непритворной:

**Joseph**

Acts 7:9 И патриархи, движимые завистью, продали Иосифа в Египет: **но Бог был с ним**,

**III.** **KEEP YOUR HEART PEACEFUL**

-Unless the heart be kept peaceable, the life will not be happy.

-If calm doth not reign over that inner lake within the soul which feeds the rivers of our life, the rivers themselves will always be in storm

The hard blows of at the heart are worse than physical beating –

2 Sam. 24:10 24:10 ¶ И сердце Давидово поразило его после того, как он исчислил народ. И сказал Давид ГОСПОДУ, Сильно согрешил я в том, что сделал: и ныне, молю тебя, О ГОСПОДЬ, удали беззаконие слуги твоего; ибо очень глупо поступил я.

Fear can cause turmoil.

1 Jn. 4:18 В любви нет страха; но совершенная любовь изгоняет страх: потому что страх имеет мучение. Кто боится, тот не сделался совершенным в любви.

Isa 26:3 Ты сохранишь того в совершенном мире, чей разум полагается на тебя: потому что он уповает на тебя.

**ILL.** A martyr had been kept for a long time in prison, and had there exhibited strong constancy and patience, was at last upon the day of execution, brought out, and tied to the stake. He showed much peace as a quiet, calm lake.

**ILL.** Spurgeon - biker was in jail. He got out way ahead of time

**IV. KEEP YOUR HEART SINGLE**

**ILL**. A lake that has too many streamlets running from it is a type of the streamlets of the world, flesh, and devil against the Christian and the evil that comes from the heart.

**ILL.** The Laodicean believer is neither hot nor cold (Rev.3).

**ILL.** The drunkard may walk back and forth not knowing decisively where to go.

**ILL.** Ananias and Sapphira kept back part of the price (Acts 5: ).

**ILL.** Those half-baked walking on the other side of the fence; as the sun going down cast a long shadow. That’s about all they are just a shadow.

Luke 11:34 A single eye.

James 1:8, 4:8 A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

**ILL.** The strange woman approach and Joseph

Prov. 5:3

- Чужая женщина характеризует порочную церковь Рима и отступников-ученых Александрии. Эта церковь заявляет, что она едина и неизменна в учении, однако она приспосабливается, чтобы получить контроль над любой религиозной культурой и политической системой (Prov. 5:6).

- Защитник этой языческой церкви будет метаться между традицией и Писаниями. –

- Фанатичный иезуитский священник будет изворачиваться между *Городом-государством Ватикан* и *Святой Матерью-Церковью* (Rev. 17:1-5).

- Мудрый святой разоблачит ереси католичества (1 Тim. 4:1-6), а глупый святой потеряет все свои награды у Судейского Места Христова за то, что бы связан с ней (2 Jn. 7-8).

Prov. 5:14

- Человек может находиться в благочестивом окружении, но все равно совершать грехи (Рим. 7:11-25).

- Человека можно насильно заставить находиться в безбожном окружении, но он все равно останется благодетельным

**ILL.** **Ruth** 3:11 Lived when everybody did that which was right in their own eyes.

The determining factor – she had a heart to stay with Naomi’s God (Ruth 1:16)

**ILL.** **Daniel** 1:8 lived when in captivity, where everything was different.

The determining factor – Daniel was determined not to defile himself.

**ILL.** Chuck was determined not to be denied.

**ILL.** Tom Brady was not going to be denied. He embraced the struggle.

**ILL.** Mountain climbing. By the grace of God and help from my friends I made it to the top.

- Сердце является определяющим фактором (Prov. 4:23; Jer. 7:23-24; Марк 7:6)

**ILL.** Черный Папа Адольфо Николас, **генеральный** настоятель Общества Иисуса является тайным планом Нового Мирового Порядка.

Верховный Генерал Ордена Иезуитов Черный Папа, Адольфо Николас и его 6 генералов контролируют Белого Папу,только что назначенного-ТОЖЕ Контролируют и весь Ватикан.

**ILL.** Priests and soldiers

The heart can be a heart of evil (Heb. 3:12)

i. Who do you fellowship with; personally, Facebook, Contacts, Twitter, etc.

ii. What kind of speech do you have?

iii. What kind of literature do you spend time with?

iv. What do you watch?

v. What do you think on most of the time?

Prov. 4:20

- Это одно из величайших увещеваний в Библии (Matt. 22:37).

- Центральным фокусом глаз, ушей и сердца должно быть чистое слово Божье, потому что это самый чистый источник духовного, умственного, эмоционального и физического здоровья (Prov. 3:2; 4:10).

**ILL.** **Noah’s** heart was right

Gen. 6:9 These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* **Noah walked with God**.

**ILL.** Jesus’ heart was right

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; **for God was with him**.

The determining factor is the heart. Where is your heart?

Conclusion

Prov. 4:23

The heart is like a reservoir –

1. Keep your heart full of faith.

2. Keep your heart pure.

3. Keep your heart peaceful.

4. Keep your heart single.

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