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(D1: The Heart) Four Questions for My Heart from Proverbs

God's wise assessment of the heart should lead the believer to ask:

1. Do I value _____ assessment of my heart more than my own assessment of my heart?

"Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure, I am clean from my sin?'" Proverbs 20:9 (See also 1 Corinthians 4:3-5).

"Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but Yahweh weighs the hearts." Proverbs 21:2

"He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but he who walks wisely will escape." Proverbs 28:26

"Trust in Yahweh with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 (see Hebrews 4:12).

2. Am I more inclined to carefully _____ my heart or blindly follow my heart?

"Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids." Proverbs 6:25

"Do not let your heart go astray into her ways, do not wander into her paths." Proverbs 7:25

"Do not let your heart be jealous of sinners, but be zealous in the fear of Yahweh always." Proverbs 23:17

"You, my son, listen and be wise, and direct your heart in the way." Proverbs 23:19 (see also Proverbs 4:23)

3. Do I know in what ways my heart is _____ ?

"Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but a good word makes it glad." Proverbs 12:25

"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life." Proverbs 13:12

4. When I am in trouble, do I ever back up and consider my _____ ?

"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, but humility goes before glory." Proverbs 18:12

"How blessed is the man who is always in dread,, but he who hardens his heart will fall into calamity." Proverbs 28:14