

CASTING DOWN WRONG THOUGHTS

Your Life Comes Out Of Your Heart

- I. **Out of your heart are the issues of life-Pr4:20-My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. ²¹ Let them not depart from thine eyes (presence, think, mental faculties); keep them in the midst of thine heart. ²² For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues (outgoings) of life**
- A. These verses address what we look are to look at, think on, focus on-Should we pay attention to this? Does this matter?
- B. Your life flows out of your heart-Pr4:23-KJ; CJB-It is the source of life's consequences; TLB-Influences everything else in your life; MS-That's where life starts; CSB-It is the source of life; CEB-Life flows from it; NLT-It determines the course of your life
- You operate out of your heart-What you believe, say, do, the choices you make are all a function of what your heart is full of-**Pr4:23-NIV**-Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it
 - Effectively you are at the mercy of whatever your heart is full of-You can't be full of something and operate in opposition to what you are full of; Your heart is a container and you operate out of that container-**Mt12:35, Lk8:27**
 - How you operate in life determines the life you enjoy-Here you have two different ways of operating producing two different results-**Dt30:15**-I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil; ¹⁶ In that I command you this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that you may live and multiply: and the Lord your God shall bless you in the land whither you go to possess it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turn away, so that you will not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; ¹⁸ I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither you passeth over Jordan to go to possess it. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both you and your seed may live
 - The way you choose life and blessing is by operating a certain way-However, how operate is determined by what you choose to allow into your mind and fill your heart
 - Your life is a reflection of what's going on in your heart-Pr27:19-NIV-As water reflects the face so one's life reflects the heart
 - This why God tells us to guard our hearts more than we guard anything-By guarding my heart I guard my life
- C. How do you keep or guard your heart?-You guard the mind (the entry way)-Mt6:22-The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. ²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness
- II. **Satan's mission is always to bombard the mind to fill the heart-He wants into your mind so that he can get into your heart to effect how you operate and determine what happens in your life**
- A. He comes to steal, kill and destroy, but that's not where he starts-He needs you to operate in a way that will allow him to do that and so he starts with the mind, to get into the heart, to get you to operate in a way that allows him to do that
- B. Satan got Ananias to operate in way that allowed him to destroy Ananias' life and he did it by filling his heart-Act5:1-A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, ²And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. ³Peter said, Ananias why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Ghost. ⁴Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. ⁵And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.
- The enemy filled his heart through his mind-This all started as a thought: This is a lot of money, you could use it, if you don't give it all like the others people will look down upon you, just keep some of it and lie
- C. Satan got Peter to operate in doubt and this effected the outcome-Mt14:28-Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto you on the water. ²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw (to turn thoughts to, direct mind to, consider) the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?
- Where did the doubt come from?-It came from his heart (**Pr4:23-NIV,Mt12:35**); It got into his heart through his mind
 - Why didn't Peter operate in faith?-He allowed something into his mind that filled his heart that wouldn't allow him to

3. Satan attacked his mind and when he considered the wind the fill began-He fed doubt into his heart, brought it forth and got the results it produces
- D. Satan couldn't get Abraham to operate in unbelief-Why? He couldn't get it into his heart, because Abraham wouldn't allow it into his mind-**Rm4:18**-*Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. ¹⁹And being not weak in faith, he considered (fix eyes or mind upon) not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb: ²⁰He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; ²¹And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform*
 1. Where did his faith come from?-It came from his heart; (**Pr4:23-NIV,Mt12:35**); It got into his heart through is mind
 2. The only difference between Peter and Abraham was what they allowed into their minds-Both faced impossible situations, both were attacked in their minds, the difference was Abraham wouldn't consider what Peter considered

III. Living by faith and living in victory begins at the entry way into your mind

- A. Living by faith is a way of operating that you have to bring forth in your life-Believing what God says, saying what God says, hoping against hope, hold fast to the Word this is a function of what's going on in the heart-**Pr4:23-NIV,Mt12:35**
 1. If the wrong stuff gets into your heart, living by faith is an impossibility-You cannot bring forth what you're not full of
 2. The life of faith begins at the at the entry way into your mind-If you don't get it right there, forget the rest
- B. Victory begins at the entry way into your mind-When it comes to battles in your life you must begin at your mind: What you think on, what thoughts you need to cast down
 1. God told Joshua this was the key to success: what you think on-**Js1:8**-*This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but thou shalt meditate (ponder) therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make your prosperous, and then you shalt have good success*
 2. We don't fight right-If we don't address Satan on the level of our thought life we won't gain advantage over him
- C. God used strong language about our minds because significant things are at stake-**Pr4:23,2Cor10:5,Josh1:8**-The mind is the entry way into your heart and the heart is the entry way into your life; If we don't guard our minds our hearts get full of the wrong stuff, we operate the wrong way and have problems in life