

“The Receptive Heart”

John 7:14-24, Psalm 1

Hearts ready to receive and respond to the implanted Word...

The Right _____ . Vv. 14-16

- A. Humility instead of _____. James 4:6, I Cor. 8:1
1. Knowledge for the wrong motive can puff us up, and our pride can be a huge hindrance in evangelism, and our personal growth.
 - Many were all too proud to show their credentials and demand respect.
 2. The apostle Paul could have proclaimed his credentials proudly, but he was far more _____ in proclaiming Christ. Philippians 3:1-8
- B. Submitting to the _____ of God’s Word. Psalm 139:23-24, Proverbs 1:7
1. Do we approach God’s Word with submissive hearts? 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - He is the potter, we are the clay; He is the Creator, and we the created; He is _____ while we are utterly dependent; He is God and I am not.
 2. Do we look into the law of liberty ready to adjust accordingly? James 1:22-25
- C. We don’t come to God’s Word trying to justify our _____. 2 Timothy 2:15
1. Some come to God’s Word with a presupposition that they want to support.

II. Hard hearts due to the wrong _____. Vv. 17-18

- A. Some will come with the intent to _____ rather than investigate.
1. If we come seeking truth, and with open hearts God is faithful to reveal it.
 - If you lack wisdom come to God who gives it freely. James 1:5-7, Ps. 119:105
 2. Many come to criticize and are unteachable because they’ve made up their minds. Matthew 13:1-23, James 1:19-21
- B. Some want to use it receive _____ from men.
1. When a teacher seeks their own glory they will fall into falsehood.
 2. The truth of God’s Word points all glory to Him alone.
 - 2 Peter 2:2-3- False teachers look to use God’s Word for self-promotion.
- C. Some want to selectively _____ it.
1. If we come to God’s Word while harboring sin in our hearts we come in hypocrisy.
 - Sins of commission are those which we intentionally dwell in. I John 1:9

III. A heart that is concerned with more than _____. Vv. 19-24

- A. God is also concerned with the motives of our _____.
1. They strictly adhered to the law outwardly, but their hearts were full of sin.
- B. They were focused upon outward _____, and missed the heart. 1 Pet. 3:3-4
1. The law, the pictures, and the prophecies all pointed to Christ! John 5:39
 2. We can climb up on a soapbox and champion an aspect of God’s Word while missing the the person and heart of God. Philippians 3:9
- C. It is about knowing and _____ in Christ.
1. Do we come desiring to know and follow Christ? 2 Thess. 3:5
 2. A genuine heart change will naturally result in transformation. Col 3:1-2